

answer If you are still possessed of that Answer & will Send it to me it may perhaps be the means of preventing our loosing S^d Lands, which probably will Soon be valuable or If you have any other papers or matter to advance to Strengthen our Claim I Should be glad to have them. Gov. Sinclair⁴⁰ I understand is to reside here. M^{rs} Askin's Comp^{ts} to M^{rs} Ancrum

I am Sir your &^{ca}

(Signed) John Askin

Major William Ancrum⁴¹ 34th Reg^t Near Dublin Ireland

Detroit Aug^t 22^d 1800

Sir The foregoing is the Duplicate of a Letter I wrote and to which I havenot had any Answer. The Claims to Indian Lands arenot yet decided On, but Commissions for that purpose is Expected next Spring or Summer before which time I hope to have your Answer. Conner⁴² keeps Possession of the whole but If the United States proved favorable to Our Purpose, I will soon set the Lawyers at him. before it would be Needless. Your Old Friend M^r Leith is here. to him I will give this letter in charge & I Dare say he will be Able to have it conveyed to you in Safety. Of your Old Acquaintances here I only know of Colonel M^cKee, M^r Sharp⁴³ & M^r Abott Dead.

I remain with Real Regard Sir Your Most Obed^t very Humble Serv^t

J. A.

Endorsed: Detroit June 29 96 and The 22^d August 1800 Jn^o Askin To Major Ancrum

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DISTILLERY

Montreal 23^d Aug^t 1800

Dear Askin My last was p^r your Grand Son W^m Robertson I at same time wrote M^r Hamilton acquainting him I

⁴⁰ Governor Arthur St. Clair.

⁴¹ For the career of Major William Ancrum, see *B. H. R.*, I, 222.

⁴² Richard Connor, for whose career see *ibid.*, 228-29.

⁴³ Alexander McKee, for whose career see *ante*, 209, and *B. H. R.*, I, 301; George Sharp, for whom see *ante*, 15.