

had proposed to you to Try a Distillery at Detroit on a moderate Scale in which his opinion would be wanting having had experience in that Business I find Mr Hamilton has two Stills arrived at Quebec perhaps he could spare them to you but the first & essential part is to obtain a Man who understands the business and will manage on a share of profit & to be economical in erecting the building &^{ca} To all this I expect your answer. I hope you will pay attention to my letter to you of the 2^d July respecting my concerns at Detroit and dont neglect [illegible] Mr Gratiers Note for without that Mess^{rs} Forsyth & C^o [illegible] pay his Draft. I think it probable if I live I will visit Niagara & York Next Spring. Remember me kindly to all your family & belive me Your Sin[c]ere Friend

Isaac Todd

John Askin Esq^{re}

Addressed: John Askin Esq^{re} Detroit Favor'd by—
Elliot Esq^{re}

Endorsed: Montreal Aug^t 23^d 1800 Isaac Todd Esq^{re} to
Jn^o Askin Rec^d y^e 1st Oct^r & Answ^d same Day

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CUYAHOGA GRANT

Grand River, Aug. 30. 1800

Sir, It is a considerable time since I first was made acquainted with the land Affairs you are engaged in latterly you more fully informed me yourself in a conversation we had together that I have taken it into consideration. before I can with any propriety engage in it, I think it necessary that we should be fully acquainted with the conditions of your agreement for which purpose Mr Jones,⁴⁴ now setts off for your quarter and I hope you will

⁴⁴ Augustus Jones was a native of New York, born, according to one authority, in 1763. His son, Rev. Peter Jones, states that Augustus studied surveying in New York City, and, armed with a recommendation from the son of Governor Colden, journeyed to Upper Canada, where Governor Simcoe gave him employment as deputy surveyor of the province. Another account states that he came to Upper Canada in 1786 as a United Empire loyalist, and secured a tract of land on the shore of Lake Ontario, immediately west of Stony Creek. He ran the line of Dundas Street from Burlington Bay to the forks of the Thames (modern London), and in 1796 he surveyed Yonge Street from Toronto northward to Lake Simcoe. In May, 1798, Jones married a squaw of Grand River. Scadding represents her as belonging to the Mohawk tribe, but Peter Jones, her son, states that she was