

please to give him every necessary information. when he returns, and I have an explanation of the business I shall let you hear of our determination, but as I have already hinted I think it adviseable that you should go thro' the agreement again and get the Wyndotts, and other Indians to agree that there may be no future discontents or uneasinesses. when this shall all be settled it will then be proper for me to get it confirmed and our people may then sitt down on it with security

Sir, I am your very humb & Obed^t Serv^t

Jos. Brant

John Askin, sen. Esq^r

Addressed: John Askins, sen. Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Grande River Aug^t 30th 1800 Mr Joseph or Capt. Brant to Jn^o Askin rec^d y^e 12th Sept^r Answ^d Oct^r 26th

LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FOR REV. DAVID BACON

Detroit Sepr 13th 1800

Friends & Brothers The Bearer hereof M^r Baken⁴⁵ is one of the *Great Spirits* representitives on Earth. he Asked me where shall I go to render Service to Indians and point out to them & Their Children the Means of happiness here & hereafter, I Answered to my Frinds the Ottawas at Arbres à Croche & the Mission where I once lived they are the Nation best disposed to hear what the *great Spirit* has to say to them & who knows how to behave to his representative. He now goes to see you. *Brothers* Treat him well & dont make me a liar. he will shew you and your Children how to be happy here & hereafter Adieu Friends & Brothers

John Askin

the daughter of a chief of the Missisauga. Ten children were born of this union. One of them, Peter, born at Burlington Heights in 1802, became a Wesleyan Methodist minister and for over twenty years served as missionary to the Ojibway, dying in Brantford on June 29, 1856. He was the author or translator of various works, including a history of the Ojibway tribe, published in London in 1861. Augustus Jones was living as late as 1826. Data adapted from Wallace, *op. cit.*; Henry Scadding, *Toronto of Old: Collections and Recollections Illustrative of the Early Settlement and Social Life of the Capital of Ontario* (Toronto, 1878), 415 ff.; and mss. in B. H. Coll.

⁴⁵ The spelling "Bacon" is interlined at this point in the manuscript. David Bacon, the person alluded to, was born in Woodstock, Mass., in 1771. He studied for the ministry, and in the early autumn of 1800 came west to Detroit on an appointment to do missionary