

Endorsed: To the Chiefs & Principal people of the Ottawa Nation at Arbre à Croche & the Mission.

SCARCITY OF CURRENCY IN DETROIT

Kingston 16th Sept^r 1800

Dear Sir On the 12th I received your Favour of the 25th Ult^o and M^r Leith delivered the Sum of fifty Pounds York on Account of the Consignment of Pork. I am sorry to find that Money & Bills are so scarce, and as Matter of Accommodation to such as may be disposed to purchase, I would be willing to take a Pack or two of good Buffaloe Robes & Mackason Leather in Payment, and a Macinac Feather Bed or two might not come amiss. At all Events I wish you to do as you would were the Articles your own: only let me know what Marks have & what have not been sold that I may settle with the Furnishers.

With best Respects to M^{rs} & Miss Askin, I remain
Dear Sir,

Your most ob^{tt} Serv^tRich^d CartwrightJohn Askin Esq^r*Addressed:* John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Kingston Sept^r 16th 1800 Rich^d Cartwright
Esq^r to Jn^o Askin Rec^d the 9th Oct^r Answ^d y^e 11th

DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING LAND TITLES

Detroit Sept^r 18th 1800

My dear Sir I wrote you so fully per our friend M^r Lieth the 24th last Month that most of what you require per

work among the Indians. Shortly after the writing of the present letter, he embarked for Mackinac, but his vessel being becalmed on Lake St. Clair, he was persuaded by his interpreter, Bernardus Harsen (son of the owner of Harsen's Island), to remain among the Indians of this vicinity. Before long he returned to the East, and in the summer of 1801 was back in Detroit with a bride. Here he opened a school for boys (meanwhile preaching in the town), while Mrs. Bacon opened one for girls. On Feb. 19, 1802, a son, Leonard Bacon, was born in Detroit, who subsequently became professor at Yale University and one of the foremost Congregational divines of his generation. David Bacon was not conspicuously successful as a missionary, although he exerted himself intermittently in this field for several years. He founded the village of Tallmadge, Ohio, a settlement to which only Congregationalists and Presbyterians were admitted. He died in Hartford, Conn., Aug. 7, 1817 Data condensed from Burton, *City of Detroit, 1701-1922*, I, 714 ff.