

great share in the matter, for his good I meant to write him to authorize me to employ such Attorneys for him as I think fit.

Judge Powell the Commodore & Myself were ready as commissioners to hear & determine on Mr Robertsons claims to a good many Lots Mr Dolson⁴⁷ & the Surveyor (necessary proof) attended. but his Lawyer Mr Roe from a cause too evident to the World could not bring any one claim forward when it should therefore they must lye over to an other Year and [he] has lost the best chance they must ever have of being passed. you may mention the circumstances to him. I have only to add that the Family are all well and will ever retain a due sense of your Friendship. Adieu my Dear Sir

Your ever Obligated Friend

Isaac Todd Esquire

Endorsed: Detroit Sept^r 13th 1800 John Askin to Isaac Todd Esquire (Copy)

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JAMES MACKLEM

Detroit September 18th 1800

Dear Sir I was favoured with your of the 4th Ins^t a few days ago. I have sent your Letter to Mr Artell and required a friend of mine to ask for payment. Mr^s Askin is not disposed to part with the Negro. The feathers are to be got at Michilimacinac (not here) but nothing on my part shall be wanton to procure them but it's probable they may not be obtained before next year. The Cider you shall have, but in order to get it good it must be made as late as possible so as to go by the last Vessell.

What do you ask for the House (partly finished and Land) about 7 Miles below Fort Erie I am Dear Sir

Your Most Obedient Very Humble Servant

Mr James Macklin⁴⁸ at Chippawa

Endorsed: John Askin to James Macklin (Copy)

⁴⁷ Probably Matthew Dolsen, for whom see *ibid.*, 222-23.

⁴⁸ James Macklem was a native of Tyrone County, Ireland. He is said to have migrated to Pennsylvania in 1789, and about the year 1790 or 1791 to have come to Chippewa, where he and his sons established several industries of local importance. He was living as late as