

tration it will soon appear that such a Law without Amendment may serve the purpose of getting Rascals clear of Debts which they might easily do by their Labour or Service to their Creditors or others. Therefore if something to the following Effect could be Added as an Amendment to the aforsaid Law I think you will Agree with me that it would be Usefull to this part of the Territory at least. Provided in no case such Prisoner shall be Intitled to the benefit of this Act who shall refuse to come out of confinement. If thereunto required by his Creditor and work for reasonable wages in order to pay the person at who's Suit he may have been imprisoned.

I hope you have got safe through your Voyage and that I shall have the Pleasure of seeing you again in good Health

I am with Esteem Dear Sir

Your Most Obed^t Very Humble Serv^t

Solomon Sibly Esq^r

one of the Representatives for the County of Wayn

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CUYAHOGA GRANT

Detroit October the 26th 1800

Sir I was favoured with your Letter per Mr Jones dated the 30th Aug^t last & as he is now on his way back I take the Oppertunity of answering it. All the information which Mr Jones required of me I have given him and Shewed him the deed of Sale from the Indians to me and others of the Tract of Land you wish to purchase from which he has taken some notes. I have authority from two Merchants in lower Canada to dispose of their Shares and as my Son and I hold two others there is only three remaining Shares, the proprietors of whom are on the Spott, I think your best method and what will be most likely to be Accepted of by all Concerned is to Offer a certain Sum for the whole & if it's not convenient to pay the whole in Money, Lands at your Place will be Accepted in part. As I have told Mr Jones my Oppinion respecting an Other Deed or the Confirmation of the Present it's not Necessary to repeat it here I am Sir

Your Most Obedient Very Humble Servant
Captain Brant at Grande River