

said relatives and friends, who also have signed, after hearing the reading hereof according to ordinance.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CUYAHOGA GRANT

Grand River 12th January 1801

D^r Sir I have fully explained to Captain Brant the Circumstances of the Indian Grants, you have of the Lands, on the South shore of Lake Erie, and as he has wrote you his int[ent]ion to Come up next Spring I shall accompany him and I beg leave to say, that I think it best to keep the meeting of the Indians as private as possible, for fear of some people thro some private Views enterfiering, which might make difficulty with the Indians. I have borrowed the map I mention^d to you of Capt Brant, which I wish you to keep safe till his arrival to your place. the mony I owe you, I shall bring with me when I come. With my best thanks for your kindnesses to me I am D^r Sir

Your very Humble servant

A. Jones

John Askin Esquire Detroit

N. B. Capt Brant wishes the meeting of the Chiefs not to be earlier than about the first of may or thereabouts. A. J.

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit

Endorsed: Grand River Jan^y 12th 1801 M^r A. Jones to Jn^o Askin Answ^d March 20th

FROM DAVID W. SMITH TO JOHN ASKIN

Yorke 9 March 1801

My dear friend I hope your eyes will be sufficiently recovered, to read a line from your old acquaintance, & tho I have nothing new to communicate, it will be a satisfaction to you I hope to have it repeated to you, that no new ideas exist in my mind. it bears the same friendship & goodwill towards you it ever did—and I beg you will assure your Son Charles, that I am much obliged by his attention in writing to me. taking me by the hand at Yorke wont do, alone. your land matters cant be settled without taking much beef & pudding with me. the difficult parts much be settled