

IMPRISONMENT OF ALEXIS LORANGER

Detroit March 14th 1801

Sir I have been so unwell as not to have gone to Town for near two Months past, therefore cannot call on you, however by M^r Brush, I have let M^r Anderson know that we had better come to some arrangement with you. I think you had better say what you have to give. You told my Son & some Others of property you had & would deliver up. I should be glad to know what it was for I have no wish to keep you nor any Man in confinement, longer than is Necessary. yet I beg leave to remark that you are not of that Discription of Debtors that the Law of the Territory will set at Liberty without your creditors consent. I am Sir

Your Humble Serv^tM^r Alexis Lorange

Endorsed: Detroit, March 14th 1801 John Askin Senior to M^r Alexis Lorange (Copy)

TITLE TO MORAVIAN LANDS

London 23^d March 1801

Dear Sir, I was favor'd with your letter of the 22^d Aug^t 1800, about three months ago, after it had travell'd, I believe, all over England, Ireland, and Scotland—and it at last reach'd me by mere accident here in London.

The copy of the letter it contains, dated 29th June 1796 which you did me the favor to write on that date, I never receiv'd; or I certainly should most punctually have answer'd it.

The subject on which you have written those letters (the purchase of our lands from the Moravian Missionaries and Indians settled on the Huron River) I am but ill prepar'd

pointed by Major John Smith president of a board of survey to report upon the condition of Fort Lernoult and adjoining government property. In 1793 he accompanied the U. S. peace commissioners from Niagara to Detroit; in August, 1794, he was ordered to occupy Turtle Island in Maumee Bay with about one hundred men. The same month he was ordered to proceed to Fort Erie with a detachment of the Fifth Regiment. In 1796 he was appointed Deputy Agent of Indian Affairs for Lower Canada. Data derived from British army lists, *passim*; documents in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, and in *Simcoe Papers*, *passim*; and Can. Archives, *Rep.*, 1891, p. 138.