

fair [that] I think we should keep him in as long as we can he depends on the Law setting him free & I think it will not, but you must be at court to Oppose him.

*Endorsed:* John Askin to Mr John Anderson At Fort Miamis (Copy)

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CUYAHOGA GRANT

Grand River 9<sup>th</sup> April 1801

Dear Sir I wrote you some time ago, but in Case of Mis-carriage, now write you on the same Subject, viz—The business Mr Jones went about last fall.

I shall leave the Grand River the 3<sup>d</sup> of May, and shall be with you on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> at farthest. It will be necessary, to have the Indians Handy, that I might see them & do What is necessary in the affair, so that the Bussiness May be compleated immedeately.

Mr Augustus Jones joins me in best respects. and I remain Dear Sir your most obedient and very humble Servant

Jos. Brant

John Arskine Esq<sup>r</sup>

*Addressed:* John Eskine Esquire, Detroit

*Endorsed:* Grand River April the 9<sup>th</sup> 1801 Cap<sup>t</sup> Brant to Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & answered same day.

NEWS FROM MONTREAL

Montreal 10 Aprile 1801

My dear old friend The day that I forget you will be my last. in the last Hour my wishes shall be for your happiness and that of your family. when the express left this I was absent in the Country which prevented my writing. that was one reason, but my dear Askin my mind is not at ease. I have this seven years been doing but little business, and what I did ended bad. lost by every thing that I toutched, and to mend the matter, a great part of the furs I shiped last fall was by the last ship saild so late that no insurance could be made and she is taken. I am continuing to eat up the little remaining, and unless I die soon there will be