

NEGOTIATIONS FOR CUYAHOGA GRANT

Detroit April the 17th 1801

Dear Sir Your favour of the 9th ins^t reached me today but your former letter I never received. I therefore wrote M^r Jones on the 20th of March last my reasons why the Indians we purchased the Lands of could not be Assembled no doubt he has communicated to you the contents of that Letter as it was meant for that purpose it was undercover to you & sent by a Moravian Minister therefore I think could not have Misscarried. Tho there cannot be a Meeting of the Aforesaid Indians in may next for the purpose you mention, Yet if any Other Business calls you this way I will Always be happy to see you at my House & in the main time Remain

Dear Sir, your most Obedient

Captain Brant at Grand River

Endorsed: DEtroit April 17th 1801 John Askin Sen^r to Captain Brant (Copy)

PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION OF *SAGUINAH*Detroit April the 20th 1801

Dear Sir With no Other Intent than to facilitate the *Saguinahs* Voyage this Summer I think it would better for you to take the whole of the freight & say what you would Allow me let her make Little or much If this agreement takes place I mean to furnish my share for all Repairs & If the Vessell should be lost support my proportion of that also. but I not to pay any part of Cap^t Fearsons wages or the crews or have any thing to do with their rations & The Vessell of coars will be Intirely Under your directions & you will send & Employ her as you think fit & the freight I have or can procure you shall get. but I can not keep back M^r Geassons goods to wait for her. After you have Examined this matter with M^r Park please call in any time & let me have your Answer

I am Dear Sir Your most Obed.

George Meldrum, Esq^r

Endorsed: John Askin Sen^r to George Meldrum Esq^r