

There is no prospect of procuring seed from this quarter. I therefore advise you to take immediate Steps for procuring it from Kentucky where I understand it is very abundant. I at the same time take the liberty of Suggesting the utility of instituting a Society for promoting the Culture of Hemp and obtaining a Supply of Seed, which would give the business a Stimulus superior to any to be expected from the Exertions of an Individual Your plain or Prairie Lands at the Mouths of the Thames Ruscum & Peches Rivers appear to me well calculated for raising Hemp, and I think they might be easily brought to a proper tilth, to Effect which the Grass Should immediately be set fire to & the Quantity wanted for use plowed up very deep this fall that it may be mellowed by the frost. it will require three more ploughings in the Spring (for it must be very mellow), and three Bushels of Seed to the Acre is I understand the common allowance

I inclose the Resolutions of the Society of Arts and Commerce of which I hope you may be able to avail Yourself.

The Bounty for raising and Exporting will more than Pay the Charges of Cultivating & the produce of an Acre which you may within bounds estimate at half a Ton will be a very handsome allowance for Curing transporting rent of Land & risk.

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Addressed: John Askin Esquire Merch^t Detroit with a Book

Endorsed: Queenston Aug^t 21st 1801 M^r Rob^t Nichol to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 12^h & Answ^d y^e 16th

REMOVAL OF DR. RICHARDSON TO ST. JOSEPH

St Josephs 6^h Aug^t 1801

Dear Sir We arrived here safe on the 31^t after a verry pleasant passage. We have now had time to look round us and I assure [you] I by no means think St Josephs so bad as we had every reason to believe from all accounts given us. We have got a comfortable lodging belonging to the Girl that lives with M^r Frero A[t] the rent of thirty dollars