

SALE OF CUYAHOGA GRANT

Montreal 4 March 1805

My dear Askin I received your favour mentioning the proposal for the lands. M^r M^e Gill is at Quebec. M^r Todd has wrote to you on the subject when M^r M^e Gill returns which will be the 15th Ist. we will forward you a regular power of attorney. in the mean time this shall serve you as authority from me to act and so in any respect in the sale and distribution of shares for the benefit of the concerned the same as you do for yourself provided there is no expense to us. I should think your demands should not be too high for fear of your missing this opportunity which may be the last—and if brought to bear would serve as a president for the remainder. M^r M^e Kee could with little expense call the chiefs who signed their right to these Lands, as there would be no occation to call the nation, in my opionion, as it would only be as their acknowledgment of having sold their Lands as by their deeds. I would not recommend to risk breaking of a Treaty for a sale for wishing to get much you may get nothing.

I hope M^r Br. will have done somthing in Williams affairs and that he will let me know as soon as he can.

There is a woman who was seperated from a James Fraser at Detroit came to me with papers on her seppiration and says there is a sum due her for money in hands of M^r James Henry who it appears is the agent and is to pay her the money to her—also that she posseses a House at Detroit. this woman is a stranger to me, but seems in the greatest distress & starving. it would be an act of Humanity in any one to inquire if there is any money in Mr. Henrys hands, and get him to send it to her. your feeling for women will I am sure induce you to ask M^r Henry whether it is so or no and let me know.⁹ best wishes for all the family & remain your old friend

A. Henry

⁹ In a letter of May 8, 1805, to Henry, responding to this inquiry, Askin wrote: "The poor unfortunate Woman who address'd herself to you is realy M^r Fraser[s] Wife or was before he obtained a Divorce. she is frequently Mad or nearly so and was sent from this for attempting to burn M^r Mackintosh's house in day light. I tho doubt that she has money in M^r Henry's hands but if she has I'm sure he will not keep it from her I will make inquiry. All with me well, may God grant you & yours the like happiness."