

clearly know your situation regulate your self accordingly & neither enter into schemes to employ people, nor burthen yourself with your relations, it is certain the Connecticut people with surveyors &c had a meeting at Buffalo creek with the five Nations and have agreed with them for the Native right as farr as they had power to give to the Cahago [Cuyahoga] river and are now gone there⁷⁷ I think you ought to send out Huno. Some of the Indian Chiefs and a Terrible cliver fellow with them who you could intrust to Make or receive proposals for the Native right of what you purchased If your Son John could goe it might be worth while I think this is not to be neglected and send a Schenectady boat for speed I hope youll endeavour to get the pack I left with your own [and] those of Hands & Dufresne in first Kings Vessel & dont value your furs too high you shall not Lose by that in the Sale Rememb^r me kindly to M^{rs} & Miss Askin & believe me Dear Askin

Yours Sincirely

Isaac Todd

Excuse heaste as I have several things to do & Sail this even^g

John Askin Esq^r

Hamilton says you must Send a Power of Att^y from the proprietors of the Lots you purchased to get the Deeds. the sooner you do this the better & by the French Notary

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Merch^t Detroit

Endorsed: Queenston July 6^h 1796 M^r Isaac Todd to Jn^o Askin Rec^d y^e 16^h Answ^d y^e 20^h

DEPARTURE OF COLONEL ENGLAND FROM DETROIT

Detroit July 10^h 1796

Dear Sir I was favoured with yours of the 13th June a few days ago but have not as yet had the pleasure of seeing Captain Mayne owing to his not having come up here. I purpose tomorrow going as far as the mouth of the river with our most worthy Commandant to whom I'm under

⁷⁷ The allusion is to the party of colonists led by Moses Cleaveland, which held a council with the Iroquois at Buffalo Creek on June 23, 1796, and a month later founded the city of Cleveland.