

Boots which shall be sent by the first opportunity nothing more but what you will have from the States with every wish for your good & the happiness of your family from me and mine [I] remain affectionately

Your old friend

Alexander Henry

NB. I recommend not to refuse the offer of the Americans get as much as you can but dont neglect to sell as times will change the Indians and others so that we are not sure of any thing in this world. A H

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit Fav^d By Mr. William M^cCoy

Endorsed: Montreal April 19th 1805 Alex^r Henry Esq^r to Jn^o Askin rec^d y^e 1st June Answ^d July 15th

LAND TITLES AT ST. CLAIR RIVER

Near Sandwich April 15th 1805

Sir I was favoured with yours of the 4th Instant a few days ago and it gives me much pleasure to find that the Son of an old Friend is as little disposed I find, to hurt my Interest as his late Father was for the present its needless to explain by what title I hold the land your said to be on, as I hope it may not be inconvenient for you to call over here the first time you come to Detroit. you will then be satisfied that my claim is equal to any sellers that even live near Detroit who have not had a Deed from the french Government. I hold it of the third person from the original grantors & have paid a considerable sum for the Lot next above Belle River four others adjoining it I purchased of Cap^t Cornwell¹¹ the old Kings ship builder who obtained it of the Indians prior to the year 1780 and a confirmation of the Cheifs afterwards. the four Lots next above where you are of 5 acres in front Each I have sold to Mess^{rs} Isaac Todd & James M^cGill some years ago and I will thank you not to let any one settle on them without informing me two other Lots next above these I mentioned also belonged to Cap^t Cornwell who I believe sold them to a Smith, a

¹¹ Richard Cornwall, for sketch of whose career see *B. H. R.*, I, 178.