

THE CUYAHOGA DREAM

Near Sandwich June 22nd 1805

Dear Friend The Principal intent of this is to send the enclosed Paragraph by which you will see that Cap^t M^c Kee unless he gets General Hunters Certificate cannot draw back pay as a Cap^t which M^r Pattenson [says] amounts to nearly £300 Ster. & without which Cap^t M^c Kee must very soon be totally ruined.

I am sure if an[y] man in the two Provinces can obtain such certificate, it is you & I have reason to think that Governor Hunters Humanity and recollection of the service rendered Government by Col. M^cKee (notwithstanding any displeasure he may have against Cap^t M^cKee) when urged by you may have the desired Effect. If it is possible to be done with Propriety.

I have and still shall defer writing M^r M^cGill and you on the subject of our Indian Claim until I know the event. with unremitting Exertion and some expenses I managed so as to keep the principal Chief from going to the Treaty at Cayahoga so that the Land Purchasers have been obliged to come in and hold now the [conference at] Swan Creek. I with others have got some of the Principal Chiefs to make M^r Brush their agent & he yesterday is gone off[f] with them in their behalf to Bargain for their Lands. they have promised most faithfully that they will not of themselves make any Bargain or agreement but refer all to him & sign any Sale he may make & no other. If they keep their promise them & us will get a considerable sum for I have agreed to share as one nation and there are four more so that a fi[f]th of the whole Expences paid will be ours. If nothing [is] got I will sustain the loss, as M^r M^cGill M^r Henry and you forbid any Expences on your account the prospect was so fair that by entering into some expence I

a resident of Prairie du Chien, but if not a resident of Mackinac in this period his trade relations there were frequent. After the war, he withdrew, along with other British traders and partisans to Drummond Island, where in 1816, he was granted a lot. In September, 1817, he had a suit for debt collection before the Michigan Supreme Court, in connection with which he is described as the surviving partner of the firm of Giasson and Berthelet. Letters of Robert Stuart in 1824 in the American Fur Company letterbook, owned by P. W. A. Fitzsimmons of Detroit, disclose that Berthelet was still engaged in trade at Drummond Island. No further record of his activities has been found. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, *passim*, especially XIX, 304; *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; and mss. in B. H. Coll.