

days before I left this to expect owing entirely to the invincible opposition I met with from Jouett¹⁷ who behaved more like a Savage than a christain. I have however brought 600 Dollars which is all that could be had.

I Send Joe over on purpose to beg Some Cellery plants from M^{rs} Askin as many as She can well Spare which I will Set out this evening.

Adeu God Bless you

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John Askin Esq

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Straban

Endorsed: Detroit July 8^h 1805 E. Brush Esquire to John Askin

LAND TITLES AT DETROIT

Near Sandwich July the 22^d 1805

Dear Friends, I have now to address you on a Subject which appears to me of a more serious nature respecting your Interest and mine than any I have heretofore wrote you on.

I formerly transmitted you an Act of Congress relative to Lands Claimed by persons at or near Detroit and what

¹⁷ Charles Jouett, Indian agent at Detroit from 1802 to 1805. He was born in Louisa County, Va., in 1772, the youngest of a family of nine children. Before coming to Detroit he had studied law and had practiced some years in Charlottesville, where he enjoyed the acquaintance and friendship of Presidents Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. In 1803, in response to instructions from the President, Jouett made a careful report upon the settlement of Detroit and vicinity, with particular reference to occupants of lands and their titles. See *Am. State Papers, Ind. Aff.*, I, 757-60. Two years later he negotiated, on behalf of the government, two treaties at Fort Industry with the Chippewa, Potawatomi, and other bands. The original copy of one of these is in the B. H. Coll. In 1805 Jouett was transferred to Chicago, where Fort Dearborn had been established two years before. He was the first Indian agent there, serving until 1811, when he resigned and located in Mercer County, Ky., thereby escaping, for himself and family, the massacre which overwhelmed Chicago in 1812. At the close of the war, Jouett was reappointed to the Chicago agency, which he held about two years, when he returned to Mercer County, Ky. Soon after this he was appointed by the President to a judgeship in Arkansas Territory, but ill health caused him to resign the position after a few months. In 1820, he located in Trigg County, Ky.; he died, May 28, 1834.

On Jan. 21, 1803, Peter Audrain issued a marriage license to Jouett and Elizabeth Dode-mead of Detroit; the permit recited that "they may consider themselves licenced, as I will furnish a regular licence as soon as I receive it from the Governor of the Territory." Elizabeth Dodemead having died a few years later, about the beginning of 1809 Jouett married Susan Randolph Allen of Clark County, Ky. Children were born of both unions. Data derived from Henry H. Hurlbut, *Chicago Antiquities* . . . (Chicago, 1881), 102 ff.; Quaife, *Chicago and the Old Northwest, passim*; and mss. in B. H. Coll.