

protection whilst they behaved well under that Government, & when given over to another their property should be secured in as ample a manner at least as that of the French people were by Capitulation between The Marquis De Vaudreill & the late Lord Amherst if necessity should require it. the Inhabitants on the other side formerly British Subjects will on Memorial expect such relief to support their Claims when just as is reasonable to expect, however not extending to any serious misunderstanding, only such explanations of the Treaty with the Indians as has already taken place where the Late General Waynes Treaty with the Indians in some Articles contradicted that subsisting between the King of Great Britain & the United States.

I have not as yet had the Honor of calling on the Governor of Detroit¹⁹ but intend it soon he bears a good Character and if he has much influence with the President and Congress may render much service. He is now laying out the Town of Detroit in a very diferent manner from formerly & much more in favor of the place, but as its a doubt with many that he can do so untill there is an Act of Congress to authorize him, some dont like to relinquish their old Claims on a promise of geting new ones and some of his Judges having said they could make such changes without the concurrence of the proprietors has been displeasing to some. For my own part I have little doubt but Congress will give the disposal of the Commons and such part of the Burnt Town not private property to the Governor to dispose of as he thinks fit or rather for the purpose of laying it out Agreeable to a plan now drawing but that he has now such Authority I doubt much. Its true the Territory may adopt a Law of some of the States which Authorizes taking private property for Public roads paying for the same and the like may hold good respecting Towns &^{ca}

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¹⁹ Governor William Hull. The Michigan territorial act provided that the new government should become operative on June 30, 1805, and Governor Hull arrived in Detroit on July 1.