

Government. I see nothing to prevent Captⁿ M^cKee getting the Commission.

Your favor of the 29th Oct regarding Captain M^cKee's or any of his Childrens Claim on the indien Huron reserve. I have been sounding my Colleagues in Council they say nothing can be done in the matter till the Chief Justic[e] arrives, and then they think it must be purchased from or dilivered by the Indians I shall make all the Enquiries I can concerning it. And I fear the same objection will be [made] to the late Colonel M^cKees lands and his Children as to other Claimants, by not coming forward sooner and locating their right.

I am told Caldwell by his negligence will lose nearly 2000 acres of his Captaincy land I am also told that Several Gentlemen got recommodation [recommendations] for grants of certain tracts from home and after they past the Executive council our late good General kept them up, and [they did] not proceed further. My being here in the station I am in by mere chance, I cannot nor ind[eed] is [it] in my power to change or alter rules ad[opted] by the Executive Council & approved by the late L^t Governor. The Chief Justice being absent who was at the head of the Council, and knew well the Governor Se[n]timents upon most matters, I miss much. And could bring things more forward with more propriety & Legallity than can be done otherwise no word of his being on his way, or whether he go[e]s to the lower Province, or remain[s] in this

I should be glad to see Charles it will be of Service to him to look & see how business go[e]s on here. Remember my sincere affection to M^{rs} Askin and all the rest of your good family and beli[e]ve me dear Sir

Your Sincere Friend

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