

sent by the Commissioners to Congress will not be so favorable in their Decissions to those who purchased of Indians and sold out in small parcells. The principal Claim on behalf of you and Mr Todd not yet passed is for the old Moravian Town,³⁷ oweing to the people who lived on it for me being on this side & Affeared to go over to the other, but the Commissioners will give a protection for them from the minuet they Land. I therefore expect I will be able to prevail on them to go over. The Summoning of Witnesses and recording every paper relative to my Claims as no precaution should be omitted will be expensive but I'm determined nothing shall be wanting on my part to secure them. Mr Baby came before the Commissioners in Order to give proofs of Possession Cultivation &c but could not be heard, as he entered no Claim prior to the 1st of this month agreeable to Law. Therefore Congress will only see his Fathers Purchases from Indians they being recorded by which it will appear as if no improvement had been made though in one spott he laid out more than £3,000 in the purchase I would say in erecting two Griss Mills. The claims I gave in to the commissioners in behalf of Mr Todd and you are conformable to the Sales I made you I would send you a Copy of them but think it would create unnecessary Postage.

Respecting money matters as I before mentioned in my last Letter the prospect is bad. Mr Park tells me he desired Mess^{rs} Forsyth & Richardson to pay your the £60 for the Mill when taxes are got and money paid into the Detroit Treasury I'm promised about £200, which when Received shall be sent you & you made acquainted how to Credit it Mr Brush is employed about claims when this is over I will require payment for the Orchard with interest he deducting for the Deeds he may have drawn &c^a untill this payment is made I shall not give him a Deed for it. I will likewise give him Deeds in behalf of You and Mr Todd for the two different places belonging to you near the Commons taking security for payment of the same in the manner by you directed. I was much surprised to see the number of new Houses and them tolerable good ones already built at Detroit more seems now to be done in that way, notwith-

³⁷ The allusion is to the Moravian settlement near Mount Clemens, the site of which Askin and Major Ancrum had jointly purchased in 1786. See *B. H. R.*, I, 227 ff.