

We, as the Board of Commissioners, have written to the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting to his consideration the three points following, viz:

1st That all persons may obtain patents for each tract owned providing the title to each tract can be proved in conformity with the act of Congress.

2nd That all farms fronting on the Detroit River may be extended to a depth of 80 arpents.

3rd That a further extension of one year may be allowed to landholders in which to enter their titles at the Land Office.

We have every reason to believe that Congress will accede to these three points as we think them essential to the prosperity of this territory and without which one-half of the inhabitants will be ruined.

Some other time I shall give myself the pleasure of further information for you. At this moment the Supreme Court is in session and takes all my time.

Permit me to express anew the sentiments of esteem, friendship, and respect with which I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

Peter Audrain

Kindly present my compliments to Mrs. Askin.

INDEBTEDNESS OF JOHN ASKIN

Nov^r 3^d 1807

Dear sir I was favoured with Your Letter of the 31st last Month the same day. Had I not been disapointed in one payment of Near 1100 Dollars, and many Others for less Sums, I would most Asuredly have paid you my Note with Interest before this, but at present I have neither Money nor Bills. I proposed and still do selling my Negro nam^d Ben in Order to pay you, & for that purpose offered him to M^r May, or if you will purchase him I will give him at a low Rate.

I have not seen M^r Brush for Above these three months, nor heard from him but seldom. Alise said he talked of coming Over Yesterday. I therefore Expect to see him some