

We do nothing for the present, for fear of prejudicing our titles

I am Sir with respect;

Your very obedient Servant

(Signed) Brockholst Livingston⁸⁸

Mr J. Schieffelin⁸⁹

Endorsed: Brockholst Livingston Opinion on the subject of Indian Titles to Land granted by the Indian Nations at Detroit.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHN ASKIN AND
JOHN ANDERSON

Articles of Agreement made Concluded and Fully Agreed upon this 24th day of September One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Six between John Askin of Detroit Merchant of the One part and John Anderson of Fort Miamis Trader of the other part, both in the County of Wayne in the Territory Nort West of the Ohio.

Whereas the Said John Anderson purpose to carry on a Trade with Indians and others at Fort Miamis or ElseWhere in the Indian or Interior Country as he may think fit, As he for that purpose will want Goods and some person at Detroit to Assist him its therefore agreed between the parties above Mentioned that they become partners and Equal Sharers in all Trade carried on by said John Anderson as Aforesaid and that they Equally share in all profits or Suffer Equally all Losses arising from said Trade during its Continuance and as there has not been made any provision for geting Goods Liquors &c: for to carry on said Trade this Year John Askin on his part promisses to furnish or purchasse for the Concern for this Year at this place what

⁸⁸ Henry Brockholst Livingston was born in New York City, Nov. 26, 1759. He was a member of the noted Livingston family, whose American founder, Robert Livingston, migrated from Scotland to Massachusetts in 1673 and shortly thereafter located in Albany, where he was prominent for almost half a century. Henry Brockholst Livingston was a great-grandson of Robert, and a son of William Livingston, who was prominent in the Revolution and served as governor of New Jersey. The son became one of the foremost lawyers of his time, and in 1807 was appointed to membership in the U. S. Supreme Court. He died in Washington, March 19, 1823. See *Appleton's Cyclopaedia Am. Biog.*

⁸⁹ Jonathan Schieffelin, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 316-17, *et passim*. His letters to Solomon Sibley during his Philadelphia sojourn are preserved in the B. H. Coll.