

agreed to revise the matter & Said I might go with the Surveyor & get these Claims measured. therefore I'm in great hopes of their confirmation. I before mentioned that my idea was not, to bring forward any claims, which I thought might be rejected Mr Brush & Mr Sibley think I'm very right, for a rejected claim may be considered as waste lands of the Territory & ordered to be Sold, whereas the others claimed can not I have Seen Mr Anderson the principal man now at the River Raizin & have directed him to have a days ploughing done on each claim there, & I will also send out the Surveyor to measure off the front of each Since I began this Letter the bearer Mr Labadie called who is on his way to Montreal, & could not Stay untill I had finished I therefore thought it best to give an order on you for \$1½ to induce him to take care of this & one I wrote Mr Todd, some time ago, which for want of an opportunity is Still here & might be kept Longer. I would have paid him here, but that would not insure so well the delivery of the Letters as by giving an order. on the 6th May 1805 I sent each of you an acc^t of the claims I had given in to the Commissioners for each of you. I now send you, enclosed, the State in which each of these claims are I am &^{ca}

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Endorsed: Strabane Nov^r 21st 1809 Jn^o Askin to Mess^{rs} Isaac Todd & Jm^s M^cGill Coppy The Original sent per La Belle the 22^d Nov^r 1809
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LIVING CONDITIONS AT ST. JOSEPH¹⁹St Josephs 6^h Jan^y 1810

My Dear Father, On a former occasion I stated that His Excellency L^t Gov^r Gore had sent me a Collectors Commission (without any application on my part) for it, & merely my wish not to give Offence induced me to Act as such. I'm However happy to Inform you that the Duties arising from Tobacco & Rum entered will exceed two Hundred pounds & of course my Share will be £100 pro C^y for this year. so far Fortune! has favoured me. Should

¹⁹ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.