

business. I hope your reading this Letter will not give you the blues. it is a bad rainy day & that has affected my spirits. the next I hope will be better. we have had a disagreeable winter. more sickness in the Country & Town, than ever was known. I have not heard from M^r Brush this 12 Months. let me Know whether he is dead, or no. M^{rs} Henry and my Daughter are all I have of my family, two of my boys in the N West, one on board of a Man of War. my paper is almost full therefore I must close (is it possible we will never meet in this world). M^{rs} Henry & [I] Join in wishing you & M^{rs} Askin every Happ[i]ness this world can give [I] remain Dear Askin your old friend

Alexander Henry

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to Jn^o Askin recv^d 22^d April Answ^d July 24^h

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE IN GROSSE POINTE

Detroit 20th April 1810

Dear Sir By the mail on Tuesday evening I rec^d a Letter from M^r Porter at Washington saying that the Gov^t would give me other Lands for the Lot I have in the Esplanade in exchange and would give me a bargain. the Commodore passed by here day before yesterday for the Gross point in order as he said to consult M^{rs} Grant on the subject of purchasing the back concession he seemed himself not much in favour of it I though[t] or rather he seemed to regret the idea of giving so much money, tho formerly he was very desirous of it. I think a word from you to him would influence him much. instead of their being 270 acres as I thought there is 360, which at 2 dollars is 720 Dollars which I will get him for 650 Dollars and he or any other person that owns the Gross point had better give a thousand for it than have it own^d by another I expect to see him on his return if he crossess here, but if he should cross at Meldrums you will be prepared to meet him on this subject on his arrival at your house. the land will never be sold by the Gov^t for a Cent less than two dollars per acre, and if he does not take it some designing countryman of mine will jump at it for the