

I can't say when there will be an opportunity to send this letter, but it shall be ready.

Its now the 12th August & some days ago I receiv^d a letter from Judge Powell saying I would get a Deed for the 2nd & 3^d concession where we live (the 1st we have) this gives me great pleasure, as also that some other claims I had to the am^t of 800 acres would be now granted (though formerly refused) as delays with Government in particular are dangerous & I have not the means of getting the Patent without money, I wish it was convenient for you to draw for the 1st Annual paym^t Madlaine proposed [to make]. I 2 days ago gave M^r P²⁸ a broad hint of my immediate want of sufficient [funds to] take up my Patents, & that I was in hopes by y^r means soon to reimburse him but he did not seem to wish to do it (though his wife would with all my other children benefit by any lands I got) I therefore did not urge it nor beg of him, nor would I of the first man in the Country should I never get a foot of Land more!

Its now the 16th August & y^r favor of the 8th per the *Hunter* is just come to hand & though the *Caledonia* is in sight & I expect more Letters by her, I'll now answer this. I'm glad Madlaine had not so long a passage as we feared she had. I'm glad John is gone to the Mississipi though it deprives you of help, yet it will prevent some falsehoods in any point of view you take it I think it *for the benefit of both*.

I think M^r M^cIntosh disposed to oblige any of the family, when he can do it without drawing blame on himself from the N.W.C^o. I'll attend to what you say ab^t apples & cider &c. I will also direct Brush if any thing from Detroit goes, to send it to the care of Doctor Mi[t]chell at Mackinac.

I was mistaken it was the *Charlotte* & not the *Caledonia* that was in sight. Its now the 18th & I've rec^d y^r two Letters of the 14th. I have now wrote M^r Brush respecting any apples &c intended to be sent you from the other side, to be directed to Doctor Mitchell. There seems to be so

²⁸ The name Powell is written in the manuscript, with all the letters but the first crossed out. The manuscript is a copy made of the letter actually sent, and is apparently in the handwriting of Alexander Askin. Judge Powell was not Askin's son-in-law, and it seems likely that the letter B (for Brush) was intended by the copyist.