

hearing from you, not that there is anything material I want to know except as relates to yourself & families health, & to know if you expect M^r Todd & how he was when you last heard from him; I wrote him once since he went home, but [have] recieved no letter from him.

A man who lives on the River Trenche called here some days ago and offered £300 NY^k currency for a Lot there belonging to M^r Todd part of it was his & part mine; I therefore had it valued & charged M^r Todd with my share. the valuation put on was £300. we obtained it from M^r Thomas Smith in consequence of a Judgm^t angst him. What I now want to know is whether or no, you think I should sell it for whats' offered. the terms of payment are £50 down, the other three paym^{ts} annually and eaqual to form the £300, the notes to draw interst from the day of Sale untill paid, & a Mortgage to be given in security. it has no improvement, except part of an orchard [and] brings no rent, therefore unless M^r Todd was pinched for ready money I do not think the offer bad. even admit it was not paid for at the expiration of the 3 years, yet improvem^{ts} will be made which will make the Lot more valuable. I wish y^r answer on this subject. I had not y^e Letter delivered to M^r Park as I intended. his situation prevented me, as no reasonable answer could be expected. according [to] the Doctors opinion of him he can last but a Short time. M^r Meldrum called on me on his way to See him two days ago, & said he had written him twice on the subject but either got none or a very unsatisfactory answer from him but thinks his executors will have no objections to pay the £60 with interest. indeed no consciencious man could refuse it, & if [he] did [he] certainly can be compelled.

I can give you little information further, respecting y^r property in the Michigan Territory, than what I did in December 1810 & March last. [The] Surveyor has not returned from Washington nor said when he will. he waits to bring the Deed's with him.⁷⁴ M^r Sibly (the Lawyer I employed) shewed me a Letter from the Secretary in answer to a representation he made him respecting your's and M^r Todds claims that were not confirmed to you, but on the

⁷⁴ The allusion is to Aaron Greeley, for whom see *ante*, 664-66.