

once his intentions respecting Madelains children, but their father marrying again, rather soon, he never since has said any thing on the subject; being pinched for about 600 Dollars, I wrote him to know if he could accomodate me with that Sum, & take Land to eaqual value in payment; his money seems so placed that he could not, but desired me to Sell half his lands in the Michigan Territory & apply this money where I wanted it; his friendship to me & family has no bounds however there is no money in or about Detroit, for purchasing Lands, or payment of Debts. all is confusion with preparations for war. I fear you & Mr M^cGill will not recieve next month, your pay^{mt} from Mr Brush, not that I think he would take the advantage, of the misunderstandings between the two Governments, but untill the appearance of war blows over, (if it should) I dont think he can Sell his Lands, or raise the money by other means. I wrote Mr M^cGill on the 30th December last, that 3 patents were arrived for you, & I fear they are all you will ever get, from your large and fair claims. there could not in my opinion be done more injustice even pointed at some of your claims, than what was shewn by the Commissioners; one instance in a large field near River Rouge, they confirmed Mr M^cGills claim & rejected yours, though the Surveyor offered to make oath, that they were under the same inclosure; They rejected the claims from the Wind mill Seat to the River Rouge (Mr M^cGills Lot excepted) Lands I have had possession of, for perhaps 20 years, before I sold them to you; I memorialled the Secretary for redress, but got none; what the Commissioners did, (though many of them glaringly partial & unjust & even remonstrated against) was confirmed or approved by Congress. The Commissioners were Mr Atwater the Secretary, Mr Audrian Recorder & Mr James Abbott. the latter seemed to do all the business & rule the others. perhaps you had some misunderstanding with him, & he took this opportunity to injure your interest. while I live, this subject, when I think of it will disturb my mind. had you been in Canada, I believe I should have been tempted, to have desired you to have bought up an obligation due by one of these Gentlemen Commissioners & thrown him in