

## A MILL SITE ON THE WAUBUNKEESIPPE RIVER

[A draft.]

We the undersigned Chiefs and principal men of the Menomonee Nation of Indians do hereby give grant and confirm unto John Lawe,<sup>1</sup> Louis Grignon and Augustin Grignon of Green Bay in the County of Brown and Territory of Michigan, the right, power and privilege of entering upon, & taking possession of a certain portions of our Indian territory lying on the borders of Wau-bun-kee Sippe or white wing River (so called) in said Territory, for the purpose of Selecting a Suitable Scite for the erection of a Saw Mill. And we do hereby grant unto them our full and free consent & permission to erect & complete a Saw Mill on Said Stream at Such place as they may hereafter Select & designate; and to cut timber Sufficient for the erection of the Same, and when the Same Shall be completed; to cut timber trees on our said Lands sufficient to supply said Mill with logs, and for all necessary purposes in the carrying on of the Same; without interruption or molestation from any of our said tribe for the term of twelve years, and upon the same consideration that a Similar grant was made to Powell & Grignon upon Wolf River: And we do further grant unto the Said Lawe, Augustin & Louis Grignon the right and privilege of building a dam across said river if the same shall be necessary—& to build such houses & out houses in the vicinity of the Mill as they shall think proper. And we do hereby express our wish and request that the Indian Agent at Green Bay, the Superintendent at Detroit, and the Secretary, at War, will approve and Sanction the Grant and privileges above set forth; and confirm the Same unto the said John Lawe, Louis Grignon, and Augustin Grignon as full and ample a Manner as such grant are usually confirmed

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<sup>1</sup> Lawe, whose father was an English officer, was a nephew of Jacob Franks, and when sixteen years of age (1797) was introduced to Green Bay by his uncle. He became one of the most influential men in the valley of the lower Fox.—Ed.