

10th Instant. I shall always esteem myself happy to have it in my power to serve any person you recommend.

M^{rs} Askin, M^{rs} Robertson & the rest of my famely are in good health, they beg I may asure you & M^{rs} Dobie of their esteem.

Little news of consiquence can be expected untill the Vessells arrive from Europe, & that news have reached you before now I'm Sure.

An affair has happened which I fear will render the Securing of the payment of the thirty otters due you on Mons^r Chaboulliez's first note very difficult. Major De Peyster has taken his Packs into the Kings Store in consequence of some complaints lodged against him respecting Merchandize belonging to Government his packs are to be sent down in his own Canoes, but not delivered him untill the Commanding Officer at Montreal consents to it. I think you had better try in case I should fail here to insure your payment below, as to the last note you sent me, I have thought it most advisable to inclose it to you, as I have not any hopes of it's being discharged here, nor the interest of the former, if Mons^r Chaboulliez was on the spot perhaps I could do more

I remain with esteem

P.S. Since I wrote the foregoing I have been trying & find I shall be able to get from 20 to 30 otters good & bad lodged with me as part Security for the 30 due you, however, I will be obliged to give an obligation that you return them otters below on getting their full Value paid you. You'll think this a very extraordinary way of doing of business, yet when there is no law to force people to pay their debts, it becomes even necessary to make agreements such as

County takes its name) was named for him. In 1759, when Canada was tottering to its fall, the entire Green Bay settlement together with an extensive area adjoining, is said to have been granted to François Rigaud and wife, and from them the grant was purchased by William Grant. Since it purported to convey an "exclusive right of trade," other Canadian traders complained to Sir William Johnson. The latter regarded the claim as invalid, "a piece of artifice huddled up about the time of the surrender of Canada," and it was never enforced. See letters in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XVIII, 274, 287. A letter of Abraham Cuyler to Askin, June 28, 1799, indicates that Grant was still living in Montreal at that time.