

I was not able to have the pleasure of writing you last year when I was at Greenville. I think that I furnished about seventy-seven piastres to the gentlemen whom you had done me the favor to introduce to me, but when I come I shall have the receipts with me. I beg you kindly to give your family the assurance of my respect and to believe me, Sir,

Your very humble servant

Vigo⁴

GRANTS OF LAND IN SANDWICH

Detroit April 3^d 1797

Dear Sir I was favoured with your two kind letters bearing date the 15th & 18th of February last on the 14th of March & I am under many Obligations to you for your Friendly information & Advice not to purchase Lands untill Granted under the Great Seal of the Province. this I will attend to in future, but I have like most others bought a good many last year say About 80 Lots several of which I have made Improvements on as you may recollect I mentioned in former letters and I should hope Government would not deprive me of Lands which in my possession will in all probability be soonner settled than if in those to whom the Certificates were given. Had it pleased His Excellency Governor Simcoe to be as liberal to my Family as he was to many others I would not have been necessitated [to] lay out mony that I could badly Spare in order to Secure to them some fixed property after I was gone, however when a man is gone away it may not be fair to speek against him therefore I will drop the Subject so far as it relates to him, but I rely too much on the Generosity of the Administrator & Council to Suppose that they would deprive me of Lands which I have purchased fairly and from those who are British Subjects and according to the Regulations were entitled to Lands; I depend on your friendship to Settle this matter and if for forms sake the Grant must be given in the Names of those who got the Certificates its all the same I know they will readily Transfer them over to me Afterwards I have their Sales of them & Power of Attorney to

⁴ For sketch of Francis Vigo's career, see *B. H. R.*, I, 227.