

adition of one to their family since they left this. as the time is so very short for us, we should endeavour to meet once more here on Earth so it is your Turn to come down, which [I hope] you may do this summer and bring Mr^s Askin with you. I have tired your patience with so much stuff, so when you are half through lay this by for another time, and believe me ever, with my wishes & that of my famely for the Happiness of you & your famely

Your affectinate friend

Alexander Henry

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit

Endorsed: Montreal Jan^y 25th 1799 Alex^r Henry to
Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 7th March Answ^d y^e 30^h April

OBLIGATIONS OF FRANCIS VIGO

Cincinnati Jan^y 26th 1799

Dear Sir, I shall with pleasure hold myself retained on your behalf in all Cases in which I may be applied to either by your self, or by any other person against you, upon the principles you have stated in your last letter. I do not wish any money to be advanced, but will leave it to be received as the Cases individually occur.

Your letter addressed to Mr St. Clair¹⁷ and myself at post Vincents did not come to our hands. We found Mr Vigo perfectly willing, but unable to discharge the Debt. he offered to give lands in payment, which we were not empowered to receive. our only object therefore was to secure the debt, if possible. to effect this we proposed to take a Mortgage on his lands. at first he was unwilling to give it, observing that it would prevent the sale of his lands which was the only source from which he could raise money to discharge the bond; however he waived the objection and executed a Mortgage on seventeen four hundred acre tracts of land, lying in the neighbourhood of the post. the patents for these lands have not yet been taken out, but the Governor is ready to grant them whenever an application shall be made for that purpose.

¹⁷ Arthur St. Clair, son of Governor Arthur St. Clair, and a pioneer attorney of Ohio.