

Mr Vigo values the land at one Dollar and fifty Cents Pr Acre and offers to give the seventeen Tracts if the Company will accept them and give him a discharge. We endeavoured to learn the value of the lands with as much accuracy as possible, but could not obtain sufficient information to make it prudent or safe for us to recommend or advise one way or the other. it appeared to be the opinion of some persons whom we consulted that the lands were valued at more than they would sell for in Cash at present, but that they were rising in value.

please to present my respects to your Family and believe me

Your Friend & Very Hum^e Serv^t

Jac Burnet¹⁸

Jn^o Askin Esq^r

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit fav^d by Mr Sibley

Endorsed: Cincinnati Jan^y 26th 1799 Jacob Burnett Esq^r to Jn^o Askin recv^d y^e 1st March Answ^d April the 3^d

STATE OF AFFAIRS IN IRELAND

Athlone 30th January 1799

My dear Father, I did myself the happiness to address my Mother and Sister M^eKee by the last month's Packet I have no letters of my dear Familys to acknowledge since that period tho I live in hopes of receiving some ere long. You will be pleased to hear that my dear Husband enjoys

¹⁸ Jacob Burnet was the son of Dr. William Burnet of Newark, New Jersey, who was a member of the Continental Congress and subsequently physician and surgeon-general of the Eastern District throughout the Revolution. The son, Jacob, was born, Feb. 22, 1770, and was graduated from Princeton in 1791. He was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1796 and immediately thereafter located in Cincinnati. Here he early achieved an influential station, being chosen in 1799 one of five members of the first Legislative Council of Northwest Territory and continuing a member until the formation of the Ohio state government. He became a judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1821 and was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1828. In 1839 he was chiefly instrumental in procuring the nomination of William Henry Harrison to the presidency. Aside from political and legal activities, he was active in the development of educational institutions, and in 1847 published *Notes on the Early Settlement of the Northwestern Territory* (Cincinnati, 1847). He died in Cincinnati, May 10, 1853. See E. O. Randall and Daniel J. Ryan, *History of Ohio* . . . (New York, 1912), *passim*.

A letter substantially identical with the one to Burnet was addressed the same day to Arthur St. Clair of Cincinnati, son of Governor St. Clair.