

on a transaction at Makina in June 1783 on acc^t of an accepted Bill by John Visger⁵⁰ of the firm of Greverat & Visger for £640 N.Y Cu^r pay^l June 1783 and a Bill drawn by John Visger in my favor on Mess^{rs} Frobisher, for £432. NY C^y by M^r Grants letter to me dated 7 Sep^r 1783, he says "I have thoroughly secured the pay^t of the 2 Notes you left in my hand belonging to M^r Visger. I have got M^r George Meldrums Note for £293.9 equil to £469.4. NY C^y. the remainder I was oblided to take in things I have not yet disposed off."

on demanding the Ball^e from M^r Grant he says that he was oblided to take corn from Visger which he sold to a disadvantage and that part of the Money for the sale thereof is not rec^d but [he] has promised to send for his books from Makina and after which to settle my claim, and in Order to be prepared for this settlement, I beg you will have the goodness to call upon Visger whom I am told remains at Detroit, and obtain from him a statement or certificate upon Oath in what manner he discharged those two Bills and at what period of time, how much thereof was paid in Corn or other things and at what price M^r Grant took the corn or other things he mentions and to send the statement or certificate to me p[er] first opp^y directed to the care of M^r M^cGill

I think I mentioned to you in a former letter that I intended to take my future residence at W^m Henry commonly known by the name of Sorel about 15 Leagues below this, where I lived near two years but found the place so dull and so little society that I removed to this place a few months since and yet continue to pass my days in Idleness on the small pittance I receive from Govern^t but have it yet in view to enter into business when an Opportunity should present, Assisted by one of my Sons who is very impatient of an inactive life, and as I have been told that the Trade at Detroit has done well for a year or two past,

⁵⁰ John Visger, probably originally from Schenectady, came to Detroit prior to the Revolution and here engaged in trade in partnership with Gerrit Graverat (for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 309) and Colin Andrews. An interesting account of the financial vicissitudes which overtook the firm is given in C. M. Burton's *City of Detroit, 1701-1922*, pp. 957-58. Askin's reply to Cuyler's present letter indicates that Visger was then (September, 1799) living in Detroit, ill, and in straitened circumstances. See *post*, 247-48. Members of the Visger family were long prominent in Detroit.