

Michilam^a without receiving a Shilling from that Rascal Clamorgan & C^o and I find I will be equally disappointed by others. there is a M^r Frederick Grattor⁵⁹ that owes me by note of hand 5630th say five thousand Six hundred & thirty Livers three Sols by Note of hand which ought to have been paid Last year at Michilam^a he wintered at Post Vincenne and remains there having sent some packs to Detroit to Leith & C^o to be sent to Montreal for M^r Blakely. I have wrote M^r Swan to send you his Note immediatly & I wish you to take the speediest method to recover payment without Letting it be known. you must know whether a writ can be procured there or whether One ought to be sent from Detroit the Latter may be the best. if there was time to send it this summer so that the payment could come in it would be well. however at all events it may be well to take the first opportunity to Get it secured. he has the Chara[c]-ter of an honest Man tho he has not beheaved so to me. if there is no person going to Post Vincenne that you can depend on to secure this I would recommend your sending some person for the purpose, as I suppose you might get a Person for a Little more then 100 Dolers youll observe there will be near two years Interest before the payment can come to me and in taking Peltrey in payment the person ought to be a Judge of the quality & Value there, all of which you can Instruct him in. I suppose you know some *safe honest* Man to recommend the Person you send to at the Post. dont neglect this.

this will be delivered you by our friend Robertson who I am sure is still much your friend. in hopes of hearing from you soon and that you will send me as before requested a state[ment] of the Securitys you got from Hands with your

⁵⁹ Frederick Graeter is said to have been a native of Alsace-Lorraine. He engaged in the fur trade, apparently at Mackinac, and about the close of the century spent over a year in Vincennes endeavoring to collect debts, etc. In a subsequent letter to Askin he announced his intention of returning to Mackinac in the spring of 1800, where he held considerable property. Eventually he located in Vincennes, where he served as justice of the peace, and where he died in 1829. A nephew, Christian Graeter, located in Vincennes about the beginning of the century, and descendants of the family are still living in Indianapolis. Christian Graeter kept a tavern and store. He was an officer of Dragoons at Tippecanoe, served in the War of 1812, and was for many years colonel of militia in Vincennes. Two of his daybooks are preserved in the old legislative hall in Vincennes. Information adapted from article by Kate Milner Rabb, "Century Ago in Tavern Record," in the Indianapolis *Star*, Nov. 27, 1927, and data supplied by Fannie C. Graeter of Indianapolis in letter of April 14, 1928.