

oppertunity write his Brother to the same Effect. Please ascertain clearly how much the late Paul Gamlin owed M^r Adhemar and what part of the debt arrises from what said Gamelin collected or sold of said Adhemars property left in his hands. In the list of Debts &^{ca} I send you, there appears a House & two notes belonging to Adhemar & Potheir. keep those matters apart and dont dispose of the house untill you hear from me. There is some notes &^{ca} I got in payment from M^r Celeron¹⁶ for want of time I send them without Examination do the best you can with them.

Please let me know if there is a Louis Dubois an engage at the Post he left this about a year ago in my debt is a fair haired round face & thick made man about 24. years of age as I suppose.

When I began this letter I was fearfull I should not have time to collect any papers to send you, however as I have I now send you several that may be of use and among them a Coppy of M^r Vigoe letter to me dated the 11th of April 1799 by which you will see he agrees to the London account of sales and only requires the am^t should be made known to him. As he is a man I esteem If he is not now able to pay, I only require his Obligation bearing Interest and Land or other good security [I] hope you may be able to settle this acc^t as it would be painfull to me to take violent Measures with Monsieur Vigoe. Nicholas Dubois should be compelled to pay, his Brother if he is put in Goal will I dare say pay the debt lenity with such people

¹⁶ Jean Baptiste Céloron de Blainville was born in Montreal, Sept. 15, 1729, the son of Pierre Joseph Céloron de Blainville and Marie Madelaine Blondeau. Céloron's father was twice commandant at Detroit (in 1743-44 and 1751-54); he is best known to history, perhaps, for his expedition down the Ohio River in 1749 for the purpose of taking formal possession of the valley for France. Céloron Island, at the mouth of the Detroit River, probably derives its name from him. Jean Baptiste, our present subject, served in the marine department before the conquest of Canada. He remained in Canada, entered the British service, and during the Revolution was a member of the British Indian Department at Detroit. Governor Hamilton stationed him at Ouiatanon and Clark sent a detachment to capture him. Céloron hastily retired in advance of this blow, meeting Hamilton's army at the mouth of the Maumee, en route to the capture of Vincennes. Hamilton bitterly accused Céloron of treachery to the British cause, probably with justice. In 1789-90 Céloron was living in Miamitown (modern Fort Wayne), engaged in trade. Evidently he had made his peace with the British authorities, for this place was then wholly subject to British control. See history of Céloron family in *Bull. Recherches Hist.*, XV, *passim*; Henry Hay's journal, *passim*; and biography of Pierre Joseph Céloron in *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, VII, 33-48.