

I have obtained Judgment against the Sister of Renaud⁶⁷ your Debtor, she inherited of her brother. On his death his sister's Husband who is now dead obtained admⁿ from an unauthorised Court formerly at this Place, and took possession of his Effects. He had two valuable Slaves besides a considerable parcel of Pelleteries which he was conducting to Detroit I presume for you. I believe Vigo acted then for you. The Slaves were vendued and Vigo and Col. Hamtramck purchased them much below their value. The Sister who is ignorant has assured me of this and that she and her Husband were much deceived at the disappointment of not receiving *any Thing*, from so considerable an Estate. Three years before I was entrusted with by you to manage your business in this Country this Woman sold me four hundred acres of land which The United States had granted to her brother as a head of a Family in the Illinois; and I had paid her for it. Now it is possible that our Courts would determine that the lands of Renaud should be liable for his debts altho' the Heir had sold them bona fide before suit bro't. These considerations have not deterred me from suing the Sister, who may not be able to pay your demand, nor repay me the price of her brothers land. I shall issue an Execution in due time; but I shall expect your Instructions in so peculiar a Circumstance, before I proceed on the Execution against the land.

With great regard, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most Obed^t and much obliged h^l Serv^t

Will. M^eIntosh

Postvincents 15. June 1801.

Endorsed: Post Vincent June 15^h 1801 M^r W^m
M^eIntosh to Jn^o Askin recv^d July 9th Answ^d y^e 27th.

GIFT OF SITE OF STRABANE ACKNOWLEDGED

Detroit June the 24th 1801

My Dear sir Your very kind Letter dated the 15th May last reached me Yesterday. That of the 12th April I answered fully by our good friend M^r Robertson In a short

⁶⁷ Antoine Renaud, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 320.