

of which tho not the greater is secured also my Family seems also in a fair way of being provided for and under these circumstances if I was not content I would deserve not to have cause to be so.

You begin to loose your french. formerly *Soi a Bardeau* was a particular kind of Plow Shear and not a Saw for Shingles as you would make it to pay for the Boots and it which I suppose you have sent P^r M^r Donovan, I have inclosed you Mons^r Giassons Draft, he does not say However on whom for 199^l, but as he is in Montreall it's no matter.

I'm very sorry for the distresses of the poor people who have suffered by fire it seems to me punishments are not adequate to the Crimes always. If the wretches who set fire were to be burnt from time to time so as to raise blisters be cured and burnt again [it] would be a greater Example than [to] be sent out of the World by the run. I have nothing further to do with Bear Skins my Trade is in those of Sheep and Lambs.

I note what you say respecting M^r Fraser and will make it my business to enquire into the matter and let you know. however at all events he can no longer transact your nor any mans Business as usual. he is following our worthy friend M^r Robertson fast its strange how people go. You and I had the best right to bruise the Grogg being old Champaigners perhaps you would do well to give me a power to Name an Attorney and I will look out for the properest person for I cannot do it myself. after our joint best wishes for all you and yours believe me to be to the last My Dear Friend

Your unalterable Friend

Alexander Henry Esq^r at Montreal

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CONDITION OF DEBTORS IN VINCENNES⁴²

Vincennes 24 December 1803

Dear Sir: Your very much esteemed Favors of the 24th

⁴² From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.