

September and 18th November last were received by the Company's Courier.

The circumstances you state of the conduct of DuBois in the transaction with M^r M^cGregor exhibit his character in its real point of view. Vigo is at present in the Illinois Country, and is expected in a few days. Upon his return he shall be pressed for the payment of his Bond to you, now in my possession, and payable at the time you mention. No opportunity has yet presented of disposing of the Lott which DuBois wanted to purchase. The Garrison has been erected on the adjoining [one], which afforded a more eligible site. The Contractor for the troops has some thoughts of purchasing it, on Account of a Spring which is conveniently placed for a Distillery. Were I to form an opinion of its value by comparing it with that of the tract next it, I should estimate its value about five hundred dollars. I shall dispose of it If I can obtain about that sum. The small tract you had from Etienne S^{te} Marie has not yet been confirmed, for want of testimony to prove actual cultivation. If it is confirmed, it would bring one hundred and perhaps fifty Dollars. I am very happy that you are authorised by M^r Henry to receive the Books and Papers of the Estates of Tho^s Williams & Jn^o Cassedy⁴³ from M^r Fraser. Whilst he was in health, none could have been more attentive to business I believe; but I found such an alteration in him, when I was last at Detroit, that I declined talking to him on the subject of those debts put into my management by him. At my return I pressed Vigo for a settlement of his obligation to the Estate of Williams, and would have admitted about Eleven Packs of Beaver which he says he p^d on account, and accept of lands to please me, at one Dollar an acre for the balance, on the principle of his inability to pay in Cash. But he insisted on my allowing two doll^{rs} for the land, without choice, which I would not agree to; and I finished by instituting an Action, returnable at March Term. Bail has been given; and I have been informed he has said that after his arrival from the Illinois, that he intended to go into the Atlantic States to dispose of his lands for Cash

43 For the career of John Casety, see *B. H. R.*, I, 185.