

know it would be the greatest reflection on my Character to make use of Mess^{rs} T & M^cGills places for my private purpose & I dare say would soon be known to them. Whoever would hire the Houses would want the Lots belonging to them, for no man would wish to go thru an Other persons potatoe Lot to get in Or Out of his House. These are matters I'm sure did not Occur to M^r Brush when he Allowed Doc^r Scott to plow & I suppose he also thought the Houses were in so bad Order that no One would hire them. Let that be the case or not, as they do not belong to me I must keep them free in case Tenants should Offer. please Explain this matter to M^r Brush so that nothing further may be done to these Houses or Lots. I Owe Cadiau four Dollars Answer so much for him at the Vendue. I wanted to see you last night to know what you had bought & how things sold. come Over this Evening. Our best wishes to M^r Brush Allice & Dear Edmund

Your Tender Father
John Askin

COLLECTION OF DEBTS IN VINCENNES

Near Sandwich April 30th 1804

Dear Henry, God be praised my Family & self have weathered an other Winter, & enjoy good health a like blessing we sincerely wish may be the portion of you and yours

M^r Fraser has not as yet made up the Accounts & delivered them with the Books to M^r Brush but promises shortly to do it which I believe he will be able to do his Health being some thing better & as he has Vandued all off and lives now at M^r Mays he has leasure time to settle all his affairs. M^r William Mackintosh writes me as I believe I before wrote you that he had sued M^r Vigoe but oweing to a want of Judges there was no Court at Post Vincent last March. In his last letter he mentions Mons^r Vigoe means to defend by saying he made several payments which he will prove. how little proof will be rec^d in that Country provided it keeps a British Subject out of his right in money matters, I'm convinced of, Yet I dont mean to throw reflections on the