

whole, but what can a few upright men do among so many of a different cast. in short I have so little prospect of success in that or any other trial by Jury at Post Vincent where one of the parties is a Citizen & the other a British Subject that I never would try the issue if I could help it and I have now a suit of my own depending where a Gentlemen of the Post owed me a sum of money for which three Notes were given payable in as many Years two of which were regularly paid but as the third was not I after two years directed it to be sued for and there is now a defence set up that I have already in the two Notes that are already paid received more than was ever due me and that it could be proven from this you may conclude that let the instrumen[t] be what it will, the Lawyers of that Country undertake to set it aside and so feared am I of their success that im now trying by fair and gentle means to get to pay me rather than trust to determination of the Court and Jury. for these very Good reasons in my oppinion I have desired M^r Brush to write Mons^r Vigoe to know how much he will give in Order to have the suit withdrawn and a full acquittance given on account of the late Williams & Casity I think you wrote me you would take £1000, N. Y Currency at the expiration of two years on that Sum being well secured

I have only to add that I remain Dear Henry

Your constant Friend

M^r Alexander Henry at Montreal

Addressed: Near Sandwich April 30th, 1804. John Askin Senior to M^r Alex^r Henry, Merch^t, Montreal (Copy)

INDEBTEDNESS OF FRANCIS VIGO⁵⁰

Proche de Sandwich le 12 Mai 1804

Mons^r Vigoe

Mons^r Je suis extrament mortifie d'apprendre par une lettre que Mons^r William Mackintosh M'Ecrie que votre concelle L'Avocat General a dit que vous mavez payé plus que vous me deviez jamais et que je vous ai triché. Que je ne vous ai jamais triché ni aucune autre homme sur

⁵⁰ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.