

Settlement of any kind. Relative to your individual Business with M^r Vigo he also observed that both before and after the [suit] had been commenced he proposed to M^r Mackintosh to Arbitrate the Business and told him he would Submit it to men of his own election but that he refus^d he says he is yet willing and desirous of Settling it this way but Seems inclined to hav[e] the arbitration at Vincennes where he Says you may elect the men Of this how[e]ver I will Speak to him again I think its but right the Arbitration Should be had here as the Business was transacted here. his whole defence I believe consists in the loss you have put on Vigo of what his peltries full Short of the estimated Sum of £1343 I think as you Showed me or thereabouts. Altho he and Mackintosh are by no means friends yet they will I believe do Business together.

In a distracted hurry I am Sir yours &

E Brush

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Strabane

Endorsed: Nov^r 6^h 1804 E. Brush Esq^r to Jn^o Askin relative to Mons^r Vigoe recv^d same day

WRECK OF THE *SPEEDY*

Dear Sir Tis now some time since I had the Pleasure of Addressing you. I should be sorry however to Allow the last Vessel of the Season, to Sail with[out] carrying to you the offer of my best wishes, and best respects.

The late very heavy Misfortune that has befallen our Society, has filled us with much Greif, & has sent Mourning into every district of the Province. The *Speedy* as you probably have heard, left York to go to Newcastle, formerly the Presque Isle of the Bay Kenti [Quinte], with not less than 17 or 18 persons on Board.⁶⁸ Amongst these were the following, M^r Justice Cochrane, M^r Sol. Gen. Gray, Mess^{rs} Angus M^cDonnel Jacob Herkemer M^{rs} Hamiltons Brother [George] Cowan the Interpreter at Matchetas, with seven other Passengers.⁶⁹ She was seen off the Harbour of Presque

⁶⁸ The *Speedy* left York on October 7 and was wrecked on or soon after the night of Oct. 8, 1804. For a contemporary newspaper account of the disaster, see Scadding, *Toronto of Old*, 528-29.

⁶⁹ Thomas Cochrane was justice of the Court of King's Bench in Toronto. Macdonell