

to deliver to M^r John Askin or order in like good order at Detroit, he paying or accounting with me for customary and reasonable carriage for the same Witness my hand the day and year above written

Witness Signed, Gabriel Hunot

Signed Richard Donovan

P. S. As neither M^r Baby or M^r M^cGregor are going to York, I will endeavour to send you the twenty dollars by some other opportunity

William Elliott Esquire⁴⁰ York

DEBTS OF FRANCIS VIGO

Vincennes 9th Feb^y 1806

Sir A sincere desire to serve a very honest & respectable man must be my appology for addressing a gentleman to whose person I am an entire stranger. I have understood that you have an interest in a bond & Mortgage given by Col^o Vigo of this place to the late M^r James Abbot of Detroit for a considerable Sum & which is now put in the Hands of M^r William M^cIntosh for Collection. This claim M^r Dubois has lately made an offer of purchasing and has proposed to M^r M^cIntosh as a consideration to convey to the claimants thirty tracts of Donation lands near this place amounting to twelve thousand acres, a valuable House & lot, two other lots appending thereto and about 90 or 100 acres of improved land near to the town. This property altho' it would not perhaps bring two-thirds of the sum if exposed to public sale for cash is in my opinion at the lowest valuation worth at least 16 or 17,000 Dollars And I sincerely believe that after it shall be conveyed & the eight tracts which are offered for the debt due to Williams & C^o

⁴⁰ William Elliott of Sandwich was one of five men admitted to the bar of Upper Canada in 1803 under the authority of an act of that year, who were subsequently characterized as "heaven-born" lawyers. On Sept. 19, 1806, he was married to Sophie Bouchette by Rev. Richard Pollard of St. John's Church, and a son, Robert, was born to them on Jan. 4, 1811. Elliott was long a leading citizen of Sandwich. He was a captain of the First Essex County militia in the War of 1812, serving at Detroit, Frenchtown, and Miami; he subsequently served in the Indian Department, and after the war was a member of the pension board for the Western District of Upper Canada. In the Patriots' War of 1837 (now colonel of militia), he denounced the summary execution of prisoners perpetrated by Colonel Prince, and for this conduct was dismissed from the militia. Data derived from St. John's Church Register; Middleton, *Municipality of Toronto*, 667; *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*, especially XII, 618-21; and Irving, *op. cit.*