

that there will be left to the Colonel scarcely enough to procure the necessaries of life for his declining age. M^r M^cIntosh in his answer to M^r Dubois which I understand is to be forwarded by this conveyance declares that he is prohibited by his instructions from making any compromise but seems to think that the offer is such as might be accepted by his principals provided some conditions were made to it which have been made agreeably to his suggestion. The rapid population of this part of the Territory induces me to believe that none of the Gentlemen who are interested in the debt would be ultimately losers by a Settlement Made in this way. At any rate I am persuaded that more Could not be offered without exposing the old Gentleman to absolute penury. I have heard that some part of Col^o Vigo's Conduct towards yourself & some other of the claimants had excited great indignation against him & was the cause of the severity Manifested in the late instructions to M^r M^cIntosh. Of the precise nature of the offence I am ignorant. I confidently believe however that there has been some mistake in the representation of his Conduct. The peculiar circumstances of his situation ought certainly to be taken into Consideration. you must be sensible Sir that an ignorant and unlettered man must in an affair of this nature give himself entirely to the guidance of others. How far his agents may have conducted themselves properly or otherwise I can not determine, but I am certain that nothing unfair unjust or indecent was ever contemplated by him towards his creditors.

I am with great Respect & Consideration Sir

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