

DEBTS OF ROBERT DICKSON AND COMPANY

Private

Montreal 10 February 1806

My dear Sir I was favoured on the 19 ult^o with your friendly Letters of 28 & 29 November and am much obliged by the attention you have shown to the unfortunate business of my House with Mess^r Robert Dickson & C^o as well as the kind concern you take in what relates to me personally.

In the inquiries I made as to legal remedies in the Detroit Government, or Michigan Territory, I had in view what others might do & If necessary what we might be able to do, and I [illegible] that attachment in that Territory cannot precede Judgement, tho it may in the Indiana & Mississippi Territories. My wish is not to contest but to have a fair honest share with other Creditors, and this I am afraid is not intended; in such Case my loss will be very heavy, yet there will apparently remain something to go on with in business and I hope enough to enable us to fulfill any engagements we may enter into. we have no share as Partners, nor any other consideration from Mess Dickson & C^o but the profit on Goods or Commissions such as you know are usually charged on Peltry or money transactions; on that score therefore you & all the Friends of the House may be perfectly easy. I do not think it necessary to write Mess^{rs} Macgregor on this Subject, but in conversation you can assure him that you know perfectly well that such is the case. One of the House will go to Mackinac this Spring, in hopes of obtaining our due by fair & temperate means, but if these should fail, Justice to ourselves will require recourse being had to legal measures. when it was your misfortune to be largely debtors to Todd & M^cGill, both of us were young & active & the loss we sustained made no deep or lasting impression; at my present time of life, the Case is different and I feel it, perhaps more than I should do, but it will not do to despair but hope for a more favourable issue than I can at this moment foresee or expect.

I have heard from our good Friend Todd up to 6 November when he was still very poorly, I hope his next will inform me that he was better and I now daily look for it —