

Addressed: John Askin Sen^r Esqr Strabane near Sandwich

Endorsed: York May 9^h 1806 President Grant to Jn^o Askin Recv^d 25th & Answ^d y^e 28th.

DEBTS OF FRANCIS VIGO

Grouseland (Near Vincennes)

21st May 1806

Sir I beg you to accept of my thanks for the flattering attention that you were pleased to shew to the requests contained in a former letter upon the subject of the debt due from Col^o Vigo to certain Gentlemen of your vicinity. the affair has I believe been completely Settled & I have indirectly understood that the agent of the claimants was agreeably disappointed as to the value & quality of the land which has been taken a considerable part of which he has lately seen. Will you pardon me for recommending to you to keep for a short time at least such part of the land as may be allotted to you or if you do sell that you direct your agent to allow a credit of 18 Months or two years by which means it will sell for at least 50 per cent more than if sold for cash. the title may be withheld until payment is Made. As soon as I received your letter I lost no time in communicating to Col^o Vigo that part of it which relates to his debt to yourself individually. his reply was to this effect. "It was never my intention to wrong M^r Askin. our accounts were settled during my illness & my notes given for a ballance which appeared to be due to him. One of these had been paid. And an arrangement made with M^r Dubois to discharge the other upon his return to Detroit when M^r M^cIntosh the agent of M^r A. applied to me for the Money, he was informed that M^r Dubois had undertaken to pay it to yourself, but nothing but the Money would satisfy M^r M^cIntosh. the money was not to be had & a writ was served upon me, the first (or perhaps the second) in my life. irritated at the adoption of a measure which could only be intended to put me to cost & trouble (for Mr. Askin would have certainly received the amount of my note in a few Months) I naturally began to investigate