

rascally one and calculated to screen Rogues and it seems your side is little better.

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My Dear Friend, I have hardly courage to take up the pen to write you; Rascality and disappointments in what relates to your and my good friend M^r M^cGills deb[t]s, & claims as well as my own, has nearly worn me out; and if it was not for poverty & old age; I think I would gladly leave a country where I had lived So Long, but [which] is so changed for the worst; £7 4s is all I received for you since I sent you my last accounts, so far as I can recollect; and though I accounted to you for £100 for a house I sold Doctor Brown, and though he is in as good circumstances as most people at Detroit, I have as yet recieved but £5 and his account will exceed £20, so that I still lye out of about £30. money at Detroit is very scarce; and what's got seems to be laid out in Buildings. The supreme Court, has been Long sitting there and not yet finished, no End to suits, and most of them rascally ones; I often put M^r Brush in mind of what he owes you and M^r M^cGill, and as often he promises soon to make payments, but when the time comes, he finds himself without the means; he like most others is too fond of improvements. the place he bought of me is now in great order and valuable, but he would have done much better to have made it Less so, and been more regular in his payments to you. He certainly in my opinion has more true value than he owes. The G—— I think is pretty deep in his Debt, for his practice Is worth a great deal of money; he is going to his Lands near the Ohio, after Court is over; I have often advised him to sell them and pay you off. I wish he would follow my advice. he has met with no purchasers as yet, for what he bought from M^r M^cGill and you; at the time I imagine he thought to sell it out in Lots being so near the Town, but he has not