

necessary is, that you & I must settle what honor and strict justice requires, with as Little Loss to you as possible, at the same time, to strictly fulfill the trust, reposed in us both, by Mr Todd & McGill; fairer you can not say, nor more honorable that [than] to submit to what I shall think right, let the loss to you be what it may, rather than my character should in the least suffer, & I on my part assure you; Im as little disposed, as any man can be, to cause you any loss, or embarrassment next after yourself its my duty to provide for your Dear family should you be incapable, through losses or other cause to do so. You must come here alone some day when perfectly at liesure & we must contrive whats best to be done & execute it. I think some proposal of giving Alice's Land on this Side & other given her on yours by you should be some part of the offer made to Mess^{er} T. & M^cG in short my opinion now is (though it may change when we meet) that if possible you get rid of paying in money so Large a sum to these two gentlemen yet I only mean you should get rid with their consent, for what a man has promised, he should most certainly perform if in his power, unless relieved therefrom, by consent of those to whom the promise was made. Your busy and therefore for the present shall only add that I am as usual

Dear Sir Y^{rs} sincerely

(signed) John Askin (L. S)

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ARBITRATION OF CLAIM AGAINST FRANCIS VIGO

April 12th 1809

Sir, I received a line from you last Night, stating that You understood before You left Post Vincenns that the differences between Mons^r Vigoe and me was to be settled by Arbitration. its true Mr William M^cIntosh wrote me to that Effect provided I consented. to part of the mode I do. the other part requires consideration much longer than Your stay here will admit of and for which I'm very sorry as the first step is to request that Mess^r John McGregor, Angus M^cIntosh, William Park & George Meldrum meet