

vous voire au Detroit ainsi que toutes Les personnes a qui je Dois pour Les Payer soit en terres soit en billet provenant de La rente de ces mêmes terres.

Je nai Pu avoir Le plaisir de vous ecrire Lanné Passe quant jetois a Grineville Je crois que jai fourni environs soixante et dix sept Piastre au M^{rs} que vous maviez fait Le Plaisir de mannoncer, mais Lorsque jirai jaurai Le recu avec Moi. Je vous Prie de faire Agreeer L assurance de mon respect a votre famille et de Me croire Monsieur

Votre tres humble Serviteur

Vigo

Mr Askin Detroit

Addressed: A Monsieur John Askin Equiller Au Detroit

Endorsed: Post Vincennes March the 29th 1797 Mons^r Vigoe to Jn^o Askin recd ye 5th of May Answ^d y^e 7th y^e contents ab^t y^e Estate of the late M^r Askwith. Feb^y 16th 1799.

Translation

Post Vincennes, March 29, 1797

Sir: I have received your favor dated January 1. No one could regret more that I was not home at the time of the arrival of Mr. John. I was then on my trip to Philadelphia, but be assured I would have done everything agreeably to your desire. Knowing Mr. Trudeau³ I would have given him every recommendation in my power, particularly as being at your request and in connection with Mr. Todd's business.

I returned a few days ago, sick, having made the most disagreeable journey possible in every respect. I am suffering greatly from headache, occasioned by a cold that has troubled me a long time; but as soon as I am well I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in Detroit, also everyone whom I owe, to pay them, either in lands or by note secured by the income from these lands.

³ Probably Zenon Trudeau of St. Louis, to whom, apparently, Askin's agent sought a letter of introduction. Trudeau was born in New Orleans, Nov. 28, 1748, his father, Jean Trudeau, being a lieutenant in the French army stationed in Louisiana. In 1792 Zenon Trudeau, "lieutenant-colonel and captain of grenadiers of the Stationary Regiment of Louisiana," became commandant at St. Louis, where he continued to serve for several years. See Houck, *Spanish Régime in Missouri, passim*, and *History of Missouri*, II, 58.