

that any debt should start up after my leaving the place, when I was so minute, and accurate in the discharge of all ere I left Detroit; I nevertheless thank You and shall thro' M^r Robinson reimburse the Sum. We are here so buisied in Military concerns preparing for a Grand Artillery Review which takes place in July before the King, Duchess of York, &c that I have scrace [scarce] time to sit down during the Day—and am too tired at Night to begin writing, however I would not allow the Vessells to Sail for Quebec without scrawling you a few lines. We have begun An entire New System of Discipline, Suggested to the British army by Col. Dundas¹⁰ which is approved of by His Majesty to be carried into Effect. We are to have the honor of shewing it first to the King with all its Thunder of Artillery, and a most tremendous conflict is to take place. As I knew you are fond of *les concerns Militaires*, At a future period you shall have a detail of the whole Proceedings, All our old Bucks from the Top to the bottom are now under Strict Drill Three times a day, and Many Wry faces are made at the obligation of undergoing the Discipline *comme un Jeune Recruit*; Our Uniform is to undergo Some alteration the Collar is to be a perfect Dress one, So high as to touch the Ears, Our Regimental Hat to be the Prussian one in Compliment to the Duchess of York—viz a Round one with high Crown, Rich Gold Band and Plume of Red Feathers—the Sword Knot a very Rich one—in Short we are to be turned quite Topsy turvy, I wish His Grace would not be so fickle, as such alterations are attended with heavy Expences, therefore by no means Acceptable,

My dear Archange will tell you that our little Anne is growing a fine Child, She now takes great Notice. You will have heard the Death of the Emperour of Germany who is Suspected to have been poisoned by some National

¹⁰ General Sir David Dundas, born 1735, died 1820. He entered the army at the age of fifteen years and on March 18, 1809, succeeded the Duke of York as commander-in-chief. His system of drill, modeled after the Prussian system and published in 1792, was quickly adopted for the entire army. Prior to this time there had been no uniformity in the British army and no two regiments moved in unison. See *Dict. of Nat. Biog.*