

help congratulating the country, & anticipating its prosperity under *such* a government, & in the hands of *such* men. The magazines &c you mention will be sent with some for my brother: to them I shall refer you for news, only observing that the death of the Emperour of Germany, which was sudden, has had an effect favourable to the affairs of France, which are still however much deranged. I have often opportunities of seeing M^{rs} Meredith—she has a fine little daughter, & they seem very happy: she is a great favourite at Woolwich—that indeed she always was, & will be, wherever she is known. I am much concerned to hear that Miss Theresa's health was not re-established in consequence of her journey—I hope the winter may have produced a change. I bought you a Lottery ticket, which four days after came up a blank, as did one I was concerned in. The Bark, Knives &c are put up with our goods as my brother will shew you when he gets his invoice. I shall request leave to decline entering upon the discussion of that part of your letter respecting boats &c having [illegible] my brother: I am always ready to settle my own affairs [but] to keep other people regular, or to account for their mistakes, is a task that I cannot think ought to be expected from me. As to furs, business, &c you will no doubt hear from M^r Todd. It is not improbable but I may see you in Canada before the winter—at the same time I am not yet determined as to that object myself. In the meantime I beg leave to offer my most respectful compliments to M^{rs} Askin & your family, to Com^r Grant & his, & to all enquiring friends—with assurances of regard, I am, Dear Sir,

Your very Hb^{le} Ser^t

William Robertson

N. B. Your Lottery Ticket inclosed

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[Written along center fold]: Capt. Mercer & family are gone to Ireland

[Written (inverted) across upper end]: N.B. I have not sent you an *office* seal, because I do not know well what you