

good deal about Canada and young Guy was glad to meet
 an old Canada Acquaintance * * * * *

COMMAND OF DETROIT MILITIA

Detroit Sept^r 4th 1792

My Dear Sir The Nancy is Arrived but not the Other Vessells with the Letters. as M^r Ford sails to morrow morn^g with our great Men I take a Moment whilst Therese³⁴ is pouring Out the Tea to write you a line, for I'm now Even as Bussy being one of the Commissioners of the Court of Oyer & Terminer³⁵ as I was when the Ellection was going On. I havenot had three days to do my own Bussiness these three Weeks. My first Wish as well as that of my Family is that you are all in perfect Health & may long Continue so. I must now commit to your Vigilant Friendship a Matter which would affect my feelings if it does not my Interest. I learn that M^r Jacque Baby was Endeavouring to get himself Appointed Lieu^t Coll of the Detroit Militia was he to Succeed I will not hesitate to say to you that I belief many People would give up their Commissions & that it would Cause some Uneasiness in the Country As to myself I Assure you I would mine I have Endeavoured in as Impartial a Manner as a Man can where he is Interested to Examine his pretentions & my Own on the Score of preferment in the Militia I cannot discover he has any better founded than mine. I'm as good a Subject as he is and I believe in the day of Necessity would have as Many followers as him & those who Government could as Well depend on, as to property I have been possessed of more than Ever he was & tho there is Some difference now on that head perhaps before he reaches My time of life there

³³ The remainder of the letter, which is very long, is devoted to army maneuvers and to the progress of the Revolution in France.

³⁴ Therese Askin, later the wife of Thomas McKee, for whom see *ante*, 376.

³⁵ On the Court of Oyer and Terminer in this period, see Riddell, *Michigan Under British Rule*, *passim*. The record of this particular session of the court is given in chap. viii.