

children. He charges me to say to you that he will always guard as one of his highest duties, the welfare of your daughter, and on my part, to cherish the affection of all the family. I shall never forget what Mr. H[amilton] did for us, and also our dear Kitty.

I am very hurried. I am sorry that I cannot write about things at greater length.

Assure my dear Mama of our respect and love to our brothers and sisters.

I remain with respect, your affectionate daughter
Madelaine Richardson

FROM WILLIAM ROBERTSON TO JOHN ASKIN

London 31st January 1793.

Dear Sir: By the arrival of M^r Leith here the 3^d of this month, I had the pleasure to receive your obliging letter of 10th October; both from it, & from the more ample detail of M^r L—, I was particularly happy to find your family, as well as yourself, in so good a state of health; that you had had such a fine season, & that the general tenour of affairs in your settlement wore an aspect so promising, circumstances which will never cease to give me the most heartfelt pleasure, & to promote which, I shall never think one of the least of my duties; at the same time I do not find myself disposed, for many reasons, to revisit you again at present. The system of political government laid down for Canada, if pursued with temper, moderation & discernment, I am persuaded is capable of producing the fairest & happiest consequences to the colonies, as well as to the parent state.

As this goes out by the way of New York in the care of a young man I am sending out to my brother, & as I shall send all the newspapers &c by him to the present date, I shall therefore refer you to them for the political events of the day, the most interesting & astonishing that the page of modern or even ancient history ever recorded. For the cause of liberty (for the best cause may be disgraced by the mode & means of carrying it on) I regret the violent & sanguinary conduct of the French on many occasions, but their execu-