

affection and attention for me. I have letters from him every day, and not just a half sheet of paper, but sometimes as full as this. He is always the same to me, full of love and kindness. Would it not have been much easier for him to have put me in lodgings in the barracks where he would have saved more than £30 a year? No, he would not do that. He would rather pay more so that I may be in a house where I am mistress. I tell you, my dear Mother, my dear M. is without an equal. I could talk to you of him for another whole hour but my paper does not permit me. Be happy then, dear parents, in knowing that your Archange is also happy. Have the kindness to embrace my dear father, sister Therese, my dear little brothers and sisters, for me. Remember me to the rest of the family, Commodore Grant, the Doctor Cousin, etc., etc., without forgetting my good Aunt. When Therese writes to Niagara, she will remember me to my sisters there. Adieu, my dearest and best of Mothers and believe me, your most affectionate daughter,
Archange Meredith

My compliments to all my friends. I am obliged to the servants for theirs.

OBSTACLES TO BUILDING GUNBOATS

Detroit 9th October 1794

Sir This day His Excellence presented to me A letter Commanding me to build Six Gun Boats in the River Thames. Your Honor will be so good as let me Know hough I shall proceed in this difficulty, I think must occur

1st There is no one man like shipwright to be hired to take Charge of the work. If your Honor should see fit to send for me—likewise. If there is two parties the one Cutting timber in the Woods and the other to work at the Boats; I should not [be able] to attend to advantage in carrying on the work. If your Honor will be so good as to let me have one Carpenter out of the ship yard I shall be able to Carry on the work with Zeal.

2nd There is also an agent wanted at this post to pay the men that is employed in Building the Boats as the money