

will not be advanced before the vouchers could be sent to Niagara, and the money tra[n]smitted to this post.

I remain your humble Servant

W^m Baker⁷ A.B.

Collonal England Com^d Detroit

Endorsed: Oct 9th 1794 W^m Baker to Col. England

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FROM WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL TO JOHN ASKIN

Mount Dorchester^s 13th Oct^r 1794

Dear Sir: When I wrote the few lines from the falls by M^{rs} Graham It was with Intent to prevent your depend^{ce} on my payment to M^r Hamilton in the Course of Sept^r and I hope in my hurry no expression did so little Justice to my Sentiments as hint at any doubt of your liberality and kindness.

The first time I saw M^r H. afterwards I told him the purport of your letter and my [illigible] with the terms of which I appeared well satisfied. We do not as usual receive our Salary when due but upon Certificate which protracts the payment for three Months and is only compensated by being payable in England which makes Bills in Course a prompt payment.

So much for business. I wrote you a long letter before I received your first, and hinted in it the Impression which I imagined our Lt Gov^r had received with respect to Detroit Politicks and which I fear will not add to his popularity there except with the I. D. You are so good as to interest

⁷ William Baker was at this time assistant ship builder in the naval establishment at Detroit. He was a Quaker, and assisted in entertaining the Quaker peace delegation which visited Detroit in 1793. On the evacuation of Detroit by the British, Baker was among the number who elected to retain their British allegiance. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, VIII, 411, XVII, 590, 646, *et passim*.

⁸ Judge Powell had recently left Detroit to take a place as one of the judges of the newly created Court of King's Bench of Upper Canada. The act creating the court required that its sittings be held in the place of usual residence of the governor or lieutenant-governor. This required the removal of Powell from Detroit to Niagara. "Mount Dorchester" was the name he gave to his residence there, in honor of his friend, Lord Dorchester. See Riddell, *Life of William Dummer Powell*, 82 ff.