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Dear Sir: I wrote you 23^d August, since which I have not had a line from Detroit. I wrote you before how uneasy I was at the silence of my brother & requested you as a friend to inform me what he was doing, & of your compliance I can have no doubt. In the mean time I intend to pay you a visit next spring, & as I have never been at New York, I purpose taking that rout. I had before requested your friendly aid in the adjustment of some points relating to our New-copartnership; & on that subject I shall also hear from you no doubt. You will no doubt have been alarmed, if accounts be true that have reached us, of the approach of the American army towards the Miamis. An action is said to have taken place & the victory to be on their side, & that some of your milit[i]a were with the Indians: This last intelligence our ministry do not wish to countenance, as inferring a charge of hostilities on our side; but at all events, it will produce no serious rupture, for our government, whatever other views they may have had, seems det[e]rmined to settle all differences amicably in that quarter so that you may rest assured whether the posts are evacuated or retained it will be all done peaceably: I think they will be given up, but not precipitately: our ministry now find they have quite enough on their hands without involving themselves with more enemies. As they disavowed Lord Dorchester's speech to the Indians, as unauthorised, so they will some other acts in your quarter. this ought to teach com-

1753, and married there, on June 4, 1778, Angelica Aubert de Gaspé, daughter of Ignatius Aubert de Gaspé and Mary Ann Coulon de Villier. They had several children, some of whom subsequently resided at Sandwich or Raisin River, and one of whom was baptized at Detroit, Sept. 16, 1794. One son, Charles Fortier, married Catherine Smith of Sandwich, daughter of Thomas Smith, for whom see *ante*, 287.

¹² For the several Parent lines of Canada and Detroit see *ante*, 418. The particular individual to whom the present letter was addressed has not been identified.