

Schalck,²⁴ they all arrived safe a fortnight ago and I was rejoiced to find by them that you possessed good health.

M^r Robertson I dare say is by this time arrived safe in Detroit and very likely whispering soft things in Therese's Ear altho he has seen many a fair one in this land still he admires the Canadian Ladies, which I conclude the reason he returned unmarried to Detroit, he is a Worthy generous man and both M^r Meredith and myself esteem him much I therefore beg you will remember me kindly to him. As to news there is nothing very material to mention on that subject. Captⁿ Dowdswell²⁵ of the Artillery whom you may remember, made his exit from this World about three weeks ago, the poor unfortunate man could not help taking his Glass too freely which in the end carried him off [f]. Our old Worthy Servant William Brett died of a bad fever some time back, we are however happy in the thought of doing every thing in our power for his Widow and children for M^{rs} Brett is a good willing Creature as she always was and would do anything to serve us.

To begin by the *nob* no vast alteration has taken place in the way of dressing the hair it is cut short at the sides and likewise on the forehead and not so much worn in curls as it used to be except two large ones at the sides in general ladies of your age wear it down the back and curled at the ends but old women like me turn it up behind. the waists are still very short and not likely to get longer as it has been proclaimed at Court that the Princess of Wales is in a Thriving way therefore *les tailles courtes* must be the fashion a little while longer. Muslin petticoats very long, no flounces but a broad hem all round. the most fashionable dresses now worn are called *Carters frocks* the sleeves are short and full very much resembling a shift sleeve with a wristband but no ruffles the handkerchiefs are worn inside and the gown

²⁴ John Augustus Schalck of the Royal Artillery Regiment, commissioned captain, March 13, 1789. He was stationed at Detroit during Colonel England's régime, June, 1792 to 1795.

²⁵ Charles S. Dowdeswell, commissioned captain in the Royal Artillery Regiment, March 1, 1781, and quartermaster, April 1, 1791. No record of his service in America has been found.