

Return, And he, His Mother and the rest of my Family are to remain here during my absence. All this Bears hard and cruelly severe on me, particularly As I could at this Moment be very eligibly employed, and situated much to my Satisfaction, but I really think my Situation unparalleled, and the cruellest that ever Occurred

On my Arrival here, I was favored with a Letter from You, giving a very laughable Account of the Changes that took place, immediately after Detroit was evacuated by the British Troops, and of the Honors conferred on some of my *Acquaintances* there, which must have set very aukward On them. I certainly have no Ambition to see them in their new Situations, tho I think they must Apear very ridiculous. A Little Time will shew how far they will prove themselves worthy of such Dignities, and without pretending to much penetration, I think they will deceive their new Masters, As they have those they quitted. At all Events, I don't imagine that those new *created Gentlemen* will add much to the Society of Detroit.

Your Letters by the Quebec Fleet will inform You of the ruinous and deplorable Situation of this unfortunate Country, and of the very low State it is brought. A Picture of it is far beyond my reach, and would besides exceed the Limits of a Letter. I will therefore refer You to the Public Papers that no Doubt by some means will find their way to You. M^r Hammond the late British Minister at Philadelphia, is gone to Vienna to endeavour to avail himself of any Opening there may be in the negotiations for Peace between the Emperor & France, and to propose Terms for Great Britain. M^r Pitt says that he is gone with full powers, and as he is known to be an Able Man, therefore have hopes that the remaining small share of Credit this Once flourishing Country possesses, may be saved, and that we will not become a Province of France. Great Preparations are making in France for an Invasion on either this or our Sister Kingdom, And all Communication between this Country and France is forbid, for the present, by the French Governm^t in Order to enable them to make their preparations, and their embarkations with more Secrecy. To this prohibition I owe a temporary Reprieve, As I certainly would have been this Fortnight past in France, if any neutral Vessel