

from England was allowed to land there, And I am in constant alarm, as I will be obliged to set Out the Moment the Communication Opens

As I at all times feel much interested for you, Mr^s and Miss Askin, and indeed for all Your Family, I shall be Obligated to you to let me know what measures You have taken Since we parted, and what You propose in future doing, and beg You will write to me Occasionally directed to the Care of Mess^{rs} Cox & Greenwood, Craigs Court London, and when I return You shall hear from me. Mr^s England is at present in her Bed, and has *increased my Riches* by the Birth of a Fair One. She begs her very sincere wishes to you Mr^s & Miss Askin, and says that the Latter shall hear from her, when she is able to write. Judge Powell¹⁷ is here, but has not seen General Simcoe who is gone to St Domingo, but is to return some time in the Year, his Governm^t of Upper Canada is kept Open for him 'till his Return, in Order to give him an opportunity of *Gratifying the people* there by again administering the Governm^t And of Conciliating them Let me know how the Town at the Rivers Mouth goes on, if it increases, and if it meets with encouragement. And also if You disposed of Your Houses and Land at the Detroit side. I shall also be Obligated to You to let me know if the Commodore and *his numerous Family* have quitted Grosse Point, I am concerned to find that Judge Powell expresses himself with some Jealousy to him.

Should You see Doctor Harffey¹⁸ give him my best Compliments, and tell him I now write with the Assistance of his Spectacles. His Acquaintance poor Mr Durham was taken on his passage home, and carried into the same Town where Captains Hinn Shears [Spears?] and Pinfold were. They are fortunately exchanged And he remains a Prisoner.

I hope the Arrival of our Packet which is anxiously expected will afford me some Accounts from You. Our Last

¹⁷ Powell had gone to England to appeal to the ministry for appointment as chief justice of Upper Canada. He did not enjoy the favor of Simcoe, but he was favored by the latter's successor in the governorship, Peter Russell. See Riddell, *Life of William Dummer Powell*, 88 ff.

¹⁸ Dr. William Harffey, whose career is noted in *B. H. R.*, I, 304. For a comprehensive narrative of his life, see Louise Rau, "Three Physicians of Old Detroit," *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, VIII, 17 ff.