

& you seem to have an Advantage over almost all Others that the few Who showed some discontent whilst you were here are now lavish in your Praise. In short my Oppinion is that many People who Intended residing here will move Over, some of them no doubt more from Interest than Attraction. at same time I cannot say since the Arrival of L^t Colonel Hamtramck⁸⁰ that he has given any Cause of dislike. Orders has been given untill the arrival of General Wayne or Gov^r Sinclair⁸¹ to prohibit the Sale of Spiritis Liquors to Soldiers or Indians without permission. I'm happy at this on Account of some rum Sellers who shewed much Ingratitude for the Indulgences they rec^d in that way under your command

I'm at a loss to Express my Gratefull feelings not only for the many Services you were so kind as to render me but those also you are so good as to Offer. Its more than possible that I will take the liberty one day of troubling you. I did not forget your Commands respecting M^r Maisonville & the People of Lassoumption. M^r Robertson received with much pleasure your kind remembrance of him and begs his respectfull Compliment to M^{rs} England you & your Sweet Young Family. I have not as yet met with any Purchaser *who has the Counter-Sign* for any part of my Property on this side of the watter, but in order to be ready I have removed the House that was at the Spring to my Farm which will serve me as a lodging Untill I have disposed of what I have here. I will be attentive to what you write respecting the Deserters & Endeavour to have your wishes put into Execution

M^{rs} & Miss Askin joins with me in most Sincere wishes for the Prosperity of you M^{rs} England & your Dear Children and I remain with Much respect & Esteem

⁸⁰ John Francis Hamtramck was born in Quebec, Aug. 16, 1757, the son of a German barber and a French mother, who were married there, Nov. 26, 1753. At the opening of the Revolution he joined the American army, serving as captain in a New York regiment. In 1785 he became a captain in the U. S. Infantry Regiment, and major of the First Infantry in 1789. He served under Wayne in the Northwest, commanding the First Sub-legion from Feb. 18, 1793. He became colonel of the First Infantry, April 1, 1802. On the American occupation of Detroit in 1796, he became the first commandant here. He was returned to this post on the removal of Colonel Strong, and here he died in April, 1803. He was first buried in Ste. Anne's churchyard; in 1866 his remains were removed to Mount Elliott Cemetery. The township and city of Hamtramck are named in his honor.

⁸¹ General Arthur St. Clair, Governor of the Northwest Territory.