

as none have yet come to hand. my Uncle has not yet got the one inclosing the returns of the Militia, which must have left home before I did. By the *Earl of Moira* my Uncle has English letters, from Cap^t Mercer & two Miss Mercers and also from Major Meredith who has now the pay of a Major, before he had only the rank. I suppose my Father has or will soon have letters from Archange, who no doubt mentions it.

There is a report which I am afeard is too true, that a vessel coming with a detachment of the 100th Regiment to Canada was lost, & that a Major and four or five more officers were on board.

By a late army list of my Uncles to the 1st April last it appears as if Cap^t M^eKees resignation was accepted of, as his name is not in it. It appears also by it that the two young Baby's who it was said were superceded have got in the army again. It's reported that the 99th are coming out to Canada, and if they do, that the 41st will be relieved by the 49th. Major Bleamire⁶¹ it's said is out of the Regiment, and also Cap^t Johnston who is now appointed Secretary to the Indian Department in the place of M^r Chew⁶² who died insane at Montreal. he lost his senses after being out as a second to an Officer of the 6th Reg^t who was killed in a duel.

Poor Judge Powell had the melancholy news of his Son Jerry's⁶³ death, who was one of the unfortunate number who were lately masacred at S^t Domingo by the blacks.

see *B. H. R.*, I, 292-93. James and Robert, twins, were born to the couple on Oct. 21, 1817, and a son, Alexander, on Sept. 21, 1819. William Duff was for some years barrack master at Amherstburg. During the War of 1812, he was adjutant of the First Essex County militia, which served in most of the battles on the western front. He died, July 12, 1861, and was buried in Christ Church yard in Amherstburg. Data derived from St. John's Church Register; Irving, *op. cit.*; and headstone inscription in Christ Church yard, Amherstburg.

⁶¹ William Bird Bleamire was commissioned lieutenant in the Forty-ninth Regiment, April 22, 1796, and major on Aug. 6, 1803. See British Army lists. A report of an Indian council at Amherstburg, June 8, 1805, represents him as commandant of the garrison. *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIII, 39.

⁶² John Chew became secretary of the Indian Department upon the death of his father, Joseph Chew, in 1799, and continued in office until his own death, here noted, in 1806. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XX, 693-94 for sketch of Chew family.

⁶³ Jeremiah, fourth son of Judge William Dummer Powell, was born in Boston in 1784. In early manhood he engaged in trade in Haiti, and incurring the hostility of Emperor