

I shall send up a copy of such a petition as Themus should send down to get his patent for his land. he will be able to get the three concessions as easy as one I think, and without the fees on the deed being any thing higher. I have already spoke to the Attorney General who is now Chief [Jus]tice to my Uncle the President: and to Judge Powell respecting the situation of Themus and his neighbours with regard to their farms and I am certain they will do what they can to get them their patents. you may assure him I will do any thing in my power for him.

I wish poor Dedine could get money enough to pay for his deed also; (if Themus gets his.) I suppose his Father could lend him that much. I have spoke to my Uncle who will endeavour to get a two hundred acre lot of land a piece for Pisinack and Charlo if the latter is of age and they can pay the new regulation fees which will be ab^t 40 doll^s for each Lot. If Bellett and Badon could pay the fees I would speak to my Uncle & try to get them lands also.

As I have seen part of the light Infantry of the 41st Reg^t & some of the Grenadiers I will be able to tell you how their coats are made and their uniform.

Let me know when you write me if my Mill has yet made any flour, and if the *Orphan* colt is alive

As I wrote my father by Mr M^cDonnell a few days ago and will soon write him again, I shall not by this opportunity. Please to give my kind love to him & my dear Mother to Nelly Alice & Alex. and Believe me to be

Your affectionate Brother

Charles A[skin]

N. B. Present my Compliments if you please to Mr^s & the Mi^{ss} Dedines. & Remember me to Dedine, to Robins, and the rest of my young friends. also to Themus & Family
Mr James Askin Strabane Near Sandwich

Dessalines, was induced by force of circumstances to join Miranda's filibustering expedition to Venezuela in the spring of 1806. The undertaking failed miserably, and those captured were either executed or condemned to long terms of imprisonment. Jeremiah Powell was sentenced to a ten-year term, but eventually, through the efforts and influence of his father, was released. For a full account of the entire affair, see Riddell, *Life of William Dummer Powell*, 96 ff.