

have nothing to do in future but declaim in the Council chamber; then sit in his comfortable armchair and nurse his gout, for to be a man of any consequence one must have the gout. Tell him he must forgive his little niece, she loves a joke, and does not think any the less of him. I should like to be there sometimes, to see him shake his sides and to join him in a laugh.

My dear Father is in his glory about now if I am not mistaken, for he loves to be busy. He ought to have enough to do in moving all your things to the other side. I suppose, my dear Mother, that you are so brave that you can go in a bark canoe without a shudder, and that you leave all care of paddling to Aunt Grant without quarreling over it.

Fashions have not changed since my last letter to Therese. Long waists are beginning to be somewhat fashionable, but the little Canadian mantles are not yet in style here. We have no tailors who understand that kind of garment. I have nothing further to add, my dear Mother, as news which would be interesting to you is scant enough here. Give my love to my dear Father and to Therese, and kiss the dear children for me. My kind remembrance to all the family, my compliments to all my friends, and believe me, dearest Mother,

Your most affectionate daughter,

Archange Meredith

My dearest M. sends his kindest remembrances to all. The newspaper has just announced the loss of a vessel coming from Canada. I am worrying because there may have been letters for me.

LEGAL OPINION CONCERNING INDIAN LAND GRANTS

Elizth Town Sep^r 1796

Sir, In determining what is proper to be done, with respect to the Indian purchase, in which We are interested, three modes of proceeding offer themselves.

First, To make an Application on your part as a British Subject to our Executive, thro' your Minister, complaining of the Act of Congress, passed at the last Session, as an Infraction of the late Treaty, between the two Countries.