

*Addressed:* John Askin Esq<sup>r</sup> near Sandwich

*Endorsed:* Montreal Aug<sup>t</sup> 14<sup>h</sup> 1809 Isaac Todd & McGill Esq<sup>r</sup> to Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin rec<sup>d</sup> 22 Sep<sup>r</sup> & Answ<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>

### MISFORTUNES OF JACQUES PELTIER<sup>7</sup>

St Joseph's 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1809

My Dear Father, Your favour of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> came to hand on the 22<sup>d</sup>. Herewith enclosed you have a draft for £25 H<sup>x</sup> C<sup>y</sup> to assist my Dear sister Archange at the same time I have to request that you give such directions as are necessary to prevent its being protested in case my Agent Mess<sup>r</sup> F. R. & C<sup>o</sup> havenot a sufficiency in their hands to discharge the same. M<sup>r</sup> Selbys letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> which I inclose to you, will shew you that I have not Rec<sup>d</sup> any of my Pay for 12 M<sup>o</sup> past & that all the pay Lists must first be sent from York to Quebec then back to York for payment & from the latter place the Money or Bills sent to my Agent below. Be pleased to send me back M<sup>r</sup> Selbys Letters by the *Nancy*.

I rec<sup>d</sup> a Similar information to yours respecting M<sup>rs</sup> Merediths pension.

Capt<sup>n</sup> Dawson<sup>s</sup> of the 100<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> who gave you three cheers & beat the Grenadier march *en passant* your place presented me with a Note which M<sup>r</sup> Todd wrote him previous to his departure from Montreal to this wherein he recommends me strongly to Capt<sup>n</sup> Dawson the Commandant of this post. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dawson's Son<sup>9</sup> a Lieu<sup>t</sup> or Ensign is now at Amherstburg on his way to this. I should be happy if my Brothers would show him what covelity they can. He is quite a Boy I'm told & requires verry little ceremony his stay will be but short below as he must take his passage in

<sup>7</sup> From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.

<sup>8</sup> Captain Thomas Dawson, whose assumption of the command of St. Joseph is here noted, remained until the early spring of 1810, when, in consequence of a violent quarrel with John Askin Jr., he was summarily removed by Lieutenant-Governor Gore, and Captain Thomas A. Sherrard, likewise of the 100th Regiment, was sent from York to replace him. See documents in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIII, 75-85, and 283.

<sup>9</sup> Ensign Erwin Dawson. Presumably he left St. Joseph at the time his father was removed. In November, 1810, he was at Amherstburg, *ibid.*, XXV, 279. He served in the War of 1812, and was commended for gallantry at Isle aux Noix, June 3, 1813. See Irving, *op. cit.*