

the *Hunter* in order to join his detachment under his Fathers command. The *Hunter* will return immediately with the Indian Stores which will compleat her last Trip. Therefore the Apples from M^{rs} Badishon must be shipt on Board the *Nancy* for the *Gen^l Hunter* will not take a package for any person whatever.

Have the goodness to let me know if you wrote Mr Todd respecting Johnnys getting the Situation of Ass^t Com^y & Bar^k Mast for this post I'm told Mr Todd is related to Col^o Thornton, aid de Camp to L^t S^t Croix & his Interest [is] very great indeed. If you have not already wrote him on that subject I'm persuaded a Line from you will do the Business. I must Confess that I have been verry troublesom to you but I hope you will forgive me. I have a presentment that Fortunes wheel is turning in my favour & it requires a little motion to keep it agoing. Mr Peltier¹⁰ situation is distressing & [I'm] truely sorry to say that from my Having made a purchase of a House at this place, a cow Bed Sted, pigs & potatoe fields has left me so bare that I cannot afford him any assistance at present. As Madelaine will positively go down next summer she will arrange matters as will I hope make him happier than he is at present. My Beau Freres have behaved ill & will repent when its to[o] late Madelaine is distressed about her sisters Marriage¹¹ she being apprehensive that they have been drove to the same thro necessity. As to Master Whipple If he has been hard with Mr Peltier he is an ungrateful fellow & merits to be dispised by all the family Mr Brush is a warm hearted man & feels sensibly for his fellow Creatures, yet he in my oppinion is rather blameable in the Law suit instituted some years past J^s Peltier *vs* Lacelles it should have been pursued with vigour untill finally settled but instead of that it *trained* for a length of time from Detroit to Post Vincennes & from Vincennes to Detroit.

¹⁰ Jacques Amable Peltier, father-in-law of John Askin Jr., for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 375.

¹¹ One of the sisters here alluded to was Felicity Peltier, born, March 2, 1781. On Jan. 10, 1798, she married Lieut. Peter Tallman of the Artillery and Engineer Corps, U. S. army. He died, Sept. 15, 1804, and on Aug. 7, 1809, his widow married (second) Francis of Assisi Cicotte of Detroit, son of Jean Baptiste Cicotte and Angelica Poupard and grandson of Zacharias Cicotte and Mary Angelica Godfroy, for whom see *ibid.*, 36 and 375. Felicity Peltier was buried at Detroit, Jan. 3, 1847; Francis Cicotte was buried here, Sept. 29, 1859. They had a family of seven children. Denissen, *op. cit.*, and Heitman, *Reg. U. S. A.*