

sending a Draft for £25. Hallifax to assist poor Archange, who had she known my present Circumstances never would have made the demand it is the first since she was Married. on account of the Children & Pension she went to England the 25th of last Month but promises us a Visit when her affairs are settled. I have given the necessary information, so that the Draft may be honored.

Please present my Compliments to Captain Dawson & return my thanks for his Compliment passing my House. The Boys have been so employed, that they have not been able to go to Malden to see Young M^r Dawson when Our Court is over one of them shall invite him here, as the *Hunter* is gone to Fort Erie & will not return to your place so soon as you expected. I advise You (as I often have done, before) to avoid difficu[l]ties with the Commanding Officer, or indeed any other of the Garrison, but him in particular & should him or them at any time (which might be the Case,) ask you to do, what Honor or Honesty forbids, put them off[f] Gently, without exposing the unreasonableness of the demand, which would make them your enemies, & not serve the Government. A steady honest conduct will carry a Man pleasingly through life. I have always obliged mankind so far as propriety admited and by such conduct made myself many Friends. I have wrote M^r Todd for the two situations you want for Johny your Son, and I'm sure if they are not given away or promised, he will apply for them unless he sees impropriety in the application.

The early return of both the *Hunter* & *Nancy*, if this should be their last Trip will prevent us from sending anything, Except Onions, Comfitures, & the Coats & Stockings if ready in time. we are sorry that Apples & Peeches of which we have such quantities, will not keep at this season. M^r Pelties situation though not pleasant is not however so distressing as it seems to appear to you. he has hired his place, I believe for three years, to M^r Cicott¹⁴ the Husband of M^{rs} Tallman the other Marriage has not taken place, the reason why I know not. however I did not understand that any other cause than inclination was the means of the Union that took place.

¹⁴ Francis of Assisi Cicotte, for whom see *ante*, 636.