

where I saw the stick erected as a flag staff that you was once so kind as to give me. I asked him how he came by it. he said a Monsieur Bellaire (how [who] has now gone to St^t Joseph as a carpenter) sold it to him. have this matter cleared up, for its certainly right I should have the value, of any thing given me & taken without my consent. its uncommonly fine & is still above 90 feet long.

Another matter has been cleared up to me by a Gentleman some days ago. He says he paid you £20 & Mr Fraser £10 on acc^t of rent due the latter & for these two sums your son gave a reciept to Gallerneau, this I have wrote Mr Frasar a few days ago. he agrees that he got the £10 but writes you never gave him but £12 out of the £20 if so there is £8 due him.

Poor Captⁿ Laughton²⁷ was burried yesterday. Allice & child very well, but Brush not able to walk ab^t from a severe fit of the gout—the rest of the family well.

Doctor Richardson having given me to understand that Captⁿ Dawson intended to avail himself of the acc^t made out agnst him for Shoes for (& which Mr Woods compelled him to pay) to prove that you actually traded as I understand precaution was taken in it to set forth that they were lent & belonging to another man; in order to defeat this piece of malice I've explained the matter both to Mr Selby at York & Mr Todd say Mr Mc Gill at Montreal, for Mr Todd is gone to England & Mr Woods has done the same to Forsyth Richardson & Co at Montreal.

Captⁿ Rough as passing yesterday said he had seen the *Caledonia* at the Detour which gave us much satisfaction, as from the weather we feared Madlaine would have had a long voyage.

in the years 1818-23. Joseph Eberts was an ensign of the Essex County militia in the War of 1812, serving at Detroit and Raisin River (possibly elsewhere, also). Data derived from *Mich. Pio. Colls., passim*, especially XXVIII, 620-26; and St. John's Church Register. There was another Joseph Eberts, surgeon, who died, Sept. 29, 1819, aged sixty-six years, and was buried in St. John's churchyard two days later. What his relationship with the individual here noted may have been has not been determined.

27 Probably John Laughton of the British naval establishment and (later) Stromness Island, who is noted in *B. H. R.*, I, 175-76. However, the St. John's Church Register records the death, on Sept. 1, 1810, of "John Laughton, late of this Parish, mariner." We are unable to reconcile the conflicting records with respect to the date of his death.