

as by our Vessels or if they wish to send Apples in the Autumn by that way Doct Mitchell will take charge of them & [they will be] forwarded with care to this.

Madelaine informs me that you have Corks. if so, send me a few Dozen for I have not one to cork my spruce Beer. My reason for requesting of you to make the best Bargain about the Ox is that I expect I get the Half of him *en payant*.

I rec^d a Letter from John Yesterday dated the 9th Ins^t which states that he was to leave Makina on the 11th for the Mississipi w^h M^r Redford Crawford, his salary is but small being only 200\$ yet its far better than Idling his time here and [he] could get no legable [eligible] situation as long as he remained for there is none to be granted now as M^r Rawson³² has been appointed commissary for this Post.

Madelaine has been verry well since her return to this. the Climate of the place appears to be favourable to her.

Have the goodness to inform my Dear Mother that she shall not pass the Winter without a Buffaloe Skin and that I should have sent her some Sugar by this Vessel but am prevented for the want of M^r Crawfords arrival from Makina, his clerk not know^g if there is any for sale by his Employer. I believe I wrote you before that it would have been gratifying to me had it been in my power to have sent M^r Barthe Sen^r & several of my worthy friends a little sugar, but I have been compleatly deprived of that Satisfaction, thro the means of that Vagabond who went away. Madelaine joins me in best wishes to You & my Dear Mother & our Love to all my Brothers Sisters & relations & am

My Dear Father Your dutiful Son

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³² Santlaw Gustavus Rawson was born in Nottinghamshire, England, in July, 1749. He served in the American Revolution as a member of the Fifth Regiment of Foot. He subsequently withdrew from the army and became a merchant of Quebec. He became security for his sons-in-law, who failed, entailing the loss of his own property. In^t August, 1810, he became assistant barrack master and assistant commissary at Fort St. Joseph, and served for many years thereafter at St. Joseph and Drummond Island. On the evacuation of the latter place by the British in 1828, he withdrew with the garrison to Penetanguishene. In 1841 he located at Price's Corners, North Orillia, where he died in October, 1845. See Simcoe Co. Hist. Soc., *Pioneer Papers*, No. 5, pp. 79-80, and *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIII, *passim*.