

would be sure of success. As soon as he returns from his Wintering he will write you the plan he proposes to pursue The person who got the appointment of Ass^t Com^y for this post⁴¹ appears to be an honest man but a verry ignorant one And better calculated to manage a Corporals Guard than any thing else. he was a sergeant in the 5th Reg^t and a more consequential Phiz I never saw in any man before and as headstrong as old Sultan the *Cheval* our Father had at the same [time] I cannot but give him the justice to say that he is a verry sober man: Its a thousand pitys John did not get that situation he would have been under my eye and the emoluments arising therefrom would have answered him well enough untill better times should have offered. M^r Crawford who left Montreal in Oct. last, informed me that M^eKenzie had seen you at that place: I'm sure Old M^e told you a long winded story of my Misunderstanding with the Vagabonds Dawson & Dixon.⁴² greater villains there never were in any part of the World. I assure you I would rather than £100 I had never seen the Scoundrels for tho they were ordered away, yet it will always cause a certain coolness between those of his Cloth & me. at present I cannot complain for Capt Howard, L^t Williams, Gibbon & Ass^t Surgeon Burnside⁴³ are on the most friendly terms with me. but there is no knowing those who may relieve the present. M^r Williams has been as unfortunate as myself with his Com^g Officer at York [torn] own story it appears he has been treated verry ill. [torn] Unless you have had the precaution of writing & send^g yo [torn] Mess^{rs} Cameron or Selby at York I shall not receive any [from] you by this Courier, for he leaves this the 14th Jan^y yearly [and is] at York on the 2^d feb^y leaves that 6 days after for this place Madelaine, Theresa & Julia⁴⁴ present their Love to you & all join in best wishes for your Prosperity & believe me to be

41 Santlaw Rawson, for whom see *ante*, 661.

42 Dixon was a lieutenant of the garrison at St. Joseph, who was involved in the quarrel between Askin and Captain Thomas Dawson which is described *ante*, 651-52. Additional documents pertaining to this dispute are printed in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIII, *passim*.

43 Apparently these were all officers of the 100th Regiment, stationed at St. Joseph. Gibbon (then an ensign) and Lieutenant Williams were commended for gallantry in the action at Isle aux Noix, June 3, 1813. See Irving, *op. cit.*, 253.

44 Therese was an adopted daughter of the Askins, being by birth a member of the Robert family of Detroit and vicinity. Shortly prior to May 1, 1815, she married Ensign