

FAMILY DIFFICULTIES OF COMMODORE GRANT

St Josephs 10th May 1811

My Dear Father Your Favour of the 26th Feb^y last via Makinac came to hand on the 26th Ult^o. The Death of my dear Sister & the downfall of the Commodores Family has affected Madelaine & myself much. The first Accounts I rec^d were from M^r Selby & Charles letters which came to hand on the 23^d Feb^y. They gave me the Melancholy tiding in every respect with the exception of Nellys imprudent step. The conduct of the Commodores girls were never equallezed by any in Detroit or thereabouts since I have known it. No there never was a similar instance of sordidness happening to any family of their situation in the Canadas. Whatever treatment they received from the Commodore (if any improper) was no plea for throwing themselves away in the disgraceful manner they have done, and what is still worse I'm told the troubles are not over yet in that Family. God protect him from additional afflictions is my fervent Prayer, for I do not believe he has fortitude enough to support the different Tryals.

Poor Richardson always shewed himself a good Husband & tender Father, he has met with a severe loss its true, but I'm well assured he will support the same with the true faith of a Christian. As his Family consist chiefly of Boys I hope he will be able to get thro the World as he has heretofore done without involving himself. I'm happy to find that Miss Richardson gives satisfaction

I shudder at the dreadful situation my Poor Mother was placed in when surrounded by the flames, and Offer my Prayer to the Almighty Father of the Universe for having sent aid to snatch her from the jaws of that Element. I am happy to find that her hands as well as your Own are entirely cured. Madelaine joins me in wishing M^r & M^{rs} Pattinson joy on the Birth of a Daughter

It gives me pleasure to find that Cap^t M^cKee has at last undertaken his Trip to York & hope he may be successful in accomplishing his ends.

I was happy to get a Letter from Brush for he gave me information of the state of health of M^r Pelties Family &