

Madelaine requests that the Sewet of the Oxon may be melted & sent in a Bag or some other way in the *Nancy*, *Caledonia* or any other Vessell.

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WAR NEWS FROM MONTREAL

Montreal 8th October 1812

My dear Old Friend It is so long a time since I heard from you that my anxiety is increased so that I must risk writing, altho it may never reach you. where are you, or where was you when the Great Hull crossed the River. I have frequently inquired about you but could not get any inteligence of you untill a young man came down who used to live with you, I forgot his name, is now at Quebec, who reported that you escaped safe without damage, which gave me much pleasure. we are hour'ly expecting Genr^l Dearboon with about Ten Thousand of his Troops to attack us. but we are not afeard of thim, as our Canadians are in high Spirits, we have one Regement of Voyageurs, and M^c-Gillavray is their Colo^l. the fall is come & expect cold weather will send the americans Home for the Winter. Their Head Quarters are at Platsburg. our old Friend Todd is here and intends staying for the Winter. we are all soldiers here. I expect preferment [before] the Battle being the oldest Captn in the British Militia. the Americans on the opposite side of the river are continually attacking our Boats going up to Kingston. I think it is their intention (if they can) to stop the communication, which they will find a difficult matter to perform. we have near ten thou[s]and men in arms here, and can with ease raise Twenty thousand more, in ten days in case they come over our lines, but we do not intend attacking them on their side. I hope the Cold weather will disperse them for the Winter, and before the Spring they may have a change in their Gove[rn]ment which will produce a peace. what has become of your son in Law my Lawyer. I never hear from him. times are geting very bad. Trade allmost at an end. what changes in the World since you an I first met. it is hard we cannot supose to