

however we are blessed with another peace, which I hope may continue, as long as I live, but we live in a time that such Wonderfull things happens, that we cannot say what may come to pass. Boneparts return to France, will cause another General War in Europe, which I am afraid will extend to America, as they do not approve of the peace. I received a letter a few day[s] ago from our old friend Todd. he was then at Bath taking the Mineral Waters, and says if his leg gets better he will return to this Country, as he has no friends in any other. I expect he will come by New York. It is not only him whom old Age deprives of friends. I must say that I experience every day the want of Old acquaintance. they are all Dead. there is only one alive in Montreal that was here when I came. I know but very few. what do you think of our Beaver Club which commenced in 1786 and consisted of 16 member[s], and I the only one alive. our late Friend M^cGill was the last, and a great loss he was to Montreal. he allways continued friendly to the last, and was much regreted. I was happy to hear he was so friendly to you. his sudden Death deprived him of doing more good to those who wanted it. several who he mentiond to me shortly before his death—for he had no idea of going off half an hour before he died. M^{rs} M^cGill is left comfortable, but young Deriviere⁶² will it is said have £60.000. My dear friend are we never to meet in this World. I think it would do you much good to come down. Could I be spared from my business I would go on purpose to say we Meet once more. Old Age should not prevent me having that pleasure, but necessity at my time of life obliges me to be attentive in procuring Necessarys. M^{rs} Henry & my Daught[er] Julia has enjoyd uncommon Health. I have only one Daughter & one son living one was killd in the North west the other died in the West Indies, being a Midshipman in the Navey. we are subject to many misfortunes in the world, but our hope is that we will be more happy in the next. the great Ruler of the World orders all for the Best. we must depend on him for our suport in this life, and hope for his protection in the Next, where you & I may meet in these regions of Happiness

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