

find you in a Like Condition. I have heard it said that you Wish to Ascend in order to Go to Matchidatch⁴⁹ To winter. But I inform you [MS. torn] that there is Nothing to do there. For there are always too many Merchants for The Post, two or three who go there from here and as many more from Montreal, & you can See by That that there is No Great Thing to do there. I Advise you likewise Not to allow yourself to be Inveigled By Mr. Thiery nor Defont; For Be Persuaded that they do Not Seek your Good; but will do Their Best to cause you to Perish. If you have a Desire to Come up By [MS. torn] let me Know For our [MS. torn] For That; also As Abraham & Jean who Will be delighted to See you. My compliments to your wife & Those who inquire for me, Without forgetting Gautier Rabott.

I Am Dear brother, Awaiting news from you, your brother
GEO. COWN.

1784: NEWS FROM MACKINAC

[Letter from Capt. Daniel Robertson to Col. Daniel Claus.⁵⁰ Reprinted from *Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, xi, p. 435.]

MICHILMACKINAC, 22nd July, 1784.

SIR—The Bearer Mr. Calvé arrived here a Week ago. I hope it has answered the intended purpose, in sending him among the Indians, he has had some disagreement with a Mr.

⁴⁹ For the location of Matchedash Bay, and the portage thence, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvii, p. 313, note 2.—Ed.

⁵⁰ Capt. Daniel Robertson entered the army as surgeon's mate in 1754; two years later he became ensign, and served in America, reaching the rank of lieutenant in April, 1762. The following year, upon the reduction of the army, Robertson was dismissed from the service, and settled in Montreal, where at the outbreak of the American Revolution he was a major of local militia. He again entered the army June 17, 1775, as captain of the 84th, was captured at St. John's, and held prisoner fourteen months. Upon his release and exchange he joined his regiment in Canada, and was stationed at a post on the St.