

Verabonne 14th. Decr. 1838.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 26th. Sept. reached me on the 5th instant and ^{what afforded} gave us the pleasure of hearing that you & family had duly arrived at your destination to the satisfaction of all. - I therefore hope that you will be able to make that place your Home.

You must have learnt by the papers that at the beginning of war. the Patriots as they erroneously call themselves renewed the troubles of last year in this District with the blindest intentions - but they could only show their teeth - but could not bite - For John Red boys & the volunteers advanced - the enemy disappeared. The money apparently was more for Plunder than for fighting - You would have seen by the Army despatches that this village was attacked on the 7th of war. The majority made a show got alarmed and dispersed - each to his own home - Two versions of this Siege appeared in the Papers - the first & says that the Honble Mr. McKenzie & the Honble Mr. Mason had been taken prisoners - This was not the case & I had it corrected by a detailed account of the whole affair - The rebellion in the Canadas is attributed to our friends the Americans - who it seems are working in the back ground for our destruction - If the British cannot manage the Canadians - cannot see how the Americans who are the children of the British can expect to do better - Supporting the Canadians say

they will find it in the end as we have found
it after a trial of Eighty years a very bad
speculation - for French & English principles
will never agree - This last rebellion
which all must acknowledge was a very
ungrateful one - It was wicked - for it was
to be carried on - on the principle of the
Bartholomew Massacre! - The Province is
+ now quiet - Indeed the Rebellion of last year
as well as of this - did not extend to the other
districts - & this District few or none of respecta-
ble character took arms - only the Drafts that
showed a desire to engage - & the most of
these are now in Prison - The number ~~of~~ were
exceed a Thousand - had were taken -

All your friends are well - say to Mr
G. that Charles did not behave better
than last year - But Lava - & Flaurmont
remained silent - that is to say they
did not join - You hear Jerome Barrith
that has the honor of enjoying your lodging
in town - but I do not believe that his crime
will ultimately injure him much - I think
on examination he will obtain his liberty
Mr. & Mrs Barrith are very well ^{myself} ~~well~~
They heard from you repeatedly - that
respectable man Toussaint Mesard did last
night from an upset in the cot coming from the
woods -

Number 37

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