Our citizens are all enrolled in the Militia, who form five companies, over whom young and inexperienced officers have been appointed. J. J. Roberts, B. P. Yates, J. Payne, are enrolled as privates under command of Capt. Moore, recently made Captain.

I was enrolled as a private, and have subsequently been made Surgeon of a Company commanded by A. W. Nelson, and Lieutenant Co. Higgs. Sr. S. Moore, Tho. Fuller — my officers however will not permit me to be silent, but force me into their councils as an equal in rank, our company are in charge of a battery of three guns that commands the landing place on the beach, the bar, and the approaches to the town from Krootown, it is a very exposed position, and in event of a landing of the Spanish will test the bravery of our forces. — I wonder that Benson does not confer on Roberts some office in which his first rate military skill might be made available — every body has confidence in Roberts, and would be gratified to be placed under his command.

Brother Roch will not embark for Madeira this month, he visited us the latter part of last month, and on his way home fell in with a native doctor skilled in the treatment of irregular cutaneous affections; he carried the doctor home with him, and will use his prescriptions whilst preparing for his departure to Madeira in November.

Georgie Williams is engaged to, and will be married to Russell in December or January. Angie Russwurm is to be married to William Burns in January or February. Sister still opposes the match, but will have finally to give her assent as Angie is her equal if not superior in firmness of purpose & decision.

As regards my own domestic affairs, and especially my recent matrimonial ties, I can write with pleasure and satisfaction — the sterling good qualities, capabilities and affection of my little wife are beyond all praise — my children, and my entire household respect and love her, — as to myself I feel sensible that I am perhaps for one at my age too passionately in love with her, at all event, I have to restrain its too passionate demonstration.

Now about George McGill! what a case! how hopeless how seemingly useless for us to struggle against fate, we are mortified, humiliated, and I for one have decided to set the fellow adrift to shift for himself — I cannot bear the idea

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