

& I have reason to believe he will be punctual. the 10/8 for Mr Roe he disputed & as I thought it would be more for your interest to give up that point than to have the account disputed and to lay out of your money. I hope you will not be displeased at my taking upon me to deduct it from the acc^t

It is with the utmost satisfaction I observe you are pleased with my Conduct at Long Point. it was an unfortunate Business & attended with much expence yet I believe none but what was necessary originated with me. the People in general in that quarter are a mere Banditti, & took advantage of the necessity I was in by making me pay exorbitant wages. every thing considered I really wonder that so much was Saved. Dolsen (the vagabond) has absconded to avoid prosecution.

I am no stranger to the good Character given of me by Mr M^cMichael. I have reason to believe he wrote that letter in consequence of some Words that took place between us on board of Captain Lee's²⁴ vessell. however as *his Character* for traduction is well known, I shall not dwell longer on the subject being convinced *you* paid no attention to his insinuations. I shall have the pleasure of paying my respects to you in the Spring, when on my way to Mackinack & shall then give you an ample detail of every thing relative to the Business

Feeling myself deeply interested in the happiness of Captain M^cKee's family from whom I have received many obligations, I have heard with the utmost distress the melancholy account of the Colonels death & knowing from Experience what it is to loose the best of Fathers—I can easily conceive the distress which both Captain M^cKee's family & yours must suffer on this occasion, & I sympathize & Condole with you on the melancholy event.

I shall say nothing to you on Politicks as a large parcel of News Papers go forward to Your Address. in them you will see the detail of many important actions, which cannot fail to give the utmost satisfaction to every Briton.

²⁴ William Lee was sailing the upper lakes as early as 1795 and as late as 1812. Among the different vessels he commanded were the *Erie Packet*, the *Good Intent*, the *Contractor*,