

SUPPLIES FOR FORT MALDEN

Amherstburgh Janu^y 8 1800

Sir I now send you the accounts of the Timber, Scantling, and Bricks, recev^d from you, for the Service of Government; you will observe the quantity of Scantling is more than was agreed for, M^r Backwell wished to have the Surplus accounted for as Timber, that would have been against your Interest, therefore I have drawn the accounts for the real quantites delivered. you will find the Bricks charged at 1/11 per hundred, more than your Charge. that is to pay the Men for fetching them down. Captain M^cLean¹ is to pay you, for 2000 Bricks, that has been applied to his own use. the Bills for the payment of the Several Sums are enclosed. please to Sign the receipts at the Bottom of the Accounts, and return them by some certain and Safe conveyance, as Soon as you can and Oblige

Sir Your verry Humble Servant

Thomas Reynold D^y Com^y

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Bills—391..7..3 Cur^y H/x

Endorsed: Amherstburgh Jan^y 8^h 1800 M^r Tho^s Reynolds to Jn^o Askin Answ^d y^e 9th.

¹ Hector McLean was commissioned a lieutenant in the Eighty-fourth Regiment, June 14, 1775. From 1779, when the regiment was ordered to America, until as late as the summer of 1801, he was serving in America, most of the time in Upper Canada. He succeeded Captain Mayne as commander of the post at Amherstburg on July 24, 1797, and in June, 1801, he was still at this station. He inherited the feud begun by Captain Mayne with the officials of the Indian Department, and it was due to his representations to Governor General Prescott that Matthew Elliot was dismissed from the service. Shortly prior to Aug. 27, 1799, McLean's wife died in Amherstburg, leaving him the care of "two fine children." At the time of his Amherstburg sojourn, his commission was in the Royal Canadian Volunteers, and in a letter of Sept. 13, 1798, he expressed an intention to memorial the Duke of York for rank in the army, having lost his position by being passed over in 1783, at the instance of General Haldimand. McLean's career subsequent to his departure from Amherstburg has not been traced. Data derived from British army lists, and from letters and documents in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*.