

We are sorry for the reasons that prevented Madelaine from paying us a Visit this year, but happy to learn there is a great likelihood that they will not be the cause next year. Mr Brush has too [kind] a Heart to be miffed at your short silence for realy its too much for you to attempt to write all your correspondents at Once. I for many years at Michilimacinac received perhaps at one time above 20 Letters & my health paid for my attempting to answer them all immediately. I would advise you to always write standing. & frequently to run out of Doors from your Writing Desk if it was only for a few minutes at the bottom of every page I get up and walk a little

I find you have purchased the N. W. Company's House its certainly pleasing not to be confined or prevented from shewing Civilites where due, which besides being satisfactory to the feelings of a good Heart, does a Man no hurt in the World.

You are certainly under obligations to the Lieu^t Governor for the different employments he has given you do not reject any of them. I believe your indebted in a great measure to Mr Selby for what you have got, for I'm informed that [His] Excellency pays great attention to what Mr Selby recomme[n]ds. You will do well therefore to cultivate a friendship with the latter his Letter is friendly. I now send it back.

I have mentioned to your Mother, the steps you have taken to get her a Buffaloe Skin, & Mr Louis Barthe about the red Stone to make Pipes. in short I have done so far as I have had an opportunity whatever related to any One which you requested me to do.

I cannot say that Edwards is much to blame, the rains rose the Waters in such a manner as to deprive all those whose lands were not in high situations from doing any thing.

In the United States, half the Mills & Bridges are gone. the River Pike as well as where Edwards is dont prove a good situation for raising Hogg[s] Mr Barthe never succeeded. You did not send the list of Articles, as you intended to shew what you gave Edwards. I believe they are mentioned at the bottom of the lease from which nothing