

Officers of the Long P^t Militia who said that their Militia had been on their March to join us had got as far as Mas-acres:¹² but there mutinied and went back.

Tuesday 28th I was taken ill in the Morn^g occasioned by being out a great deal in the Rain. continued ill Wed 29th & 30 in the afternoon on Thursday I went with M^r Carl to stay at his house as it was more comfortable there than where I was staying, and I thought I should soon recover—before I left our Camp (for I know not what else to call it) Col. Talbot, had gone either to L^g P^t or Port Talbot, Cap^t Norton had joined us with Ab^t 12 or 14 Indians, W^m Crooks & M^r Racey had been with us and had gone off with Westbrook of Delaware to take him down a prisoner as he was supposed to have some concern with the Enemy and suspected to have aided in having General Hull's proclamation promulgated. Friday 31st. Doc^r Sumner¹³ paid me a visit and wished to give me an Emetic but I felt myself so much better that I declined taking any. he ad[vised me] then to remain for a few days where I was. The Doct^r Left me and soon after M^r Wilkinson came and informed me that the men were to march for Delaware that evening. I got the few things packed up I had with me and left M^r Carle's where I had been treated with very great attention and politeness. he has a large family most of them sons growing up. they all appear much attached to the British government, which I believe is the case with very few in Oxford Delaware, on the Grand River. On my Arrival at my old Quarters, I found that Major Chambers and M^r Hamilton had been on their way to Delaware but had returned in consequence of some Despatches bought to the Major by young M^r Secord, I also learnt that we had taken Michilimackinac without firing a shot. it was said to be taken by a party of Indians under M^r Rob^t Dickson.¹⁴

¹² Abraham Messacar migrated from New Jersey to Upper Canada and settled on Nanticoke Creek near modern Rockford Post Office. His children and their descendants were numerous. Owen, *op. cit.*, 481 ff.

¹³ Cyrus Sumner, a resident on Twenty-mile Creek. He served in Brock's Detroit campaign and subsequently as hospital assistant on the Niagara frontier. Irving, *op. cit.*

¹⁴ Mackinac surrendered to Captain Charles Roberts, commandant of the British fort on St. Joseph Island, July 17, 1812. Captain Roberts' little army included a few regular soldiers, a considerable number of fur traders and their employees, and a large number of Indians. The latter were mainly led by John Askin Jr., and Robert Dickson.