

AFFAIRS AT MACKINAC⁶¹Michilimackinac 16th Sept 1812

My Dear Father The situation of the Country has been such that our Correspondance has been interrupted for a length of time, but the Communication being once more open will enable us to resume again. The Changes of Affairs have been great w^h you thats to say the face of Affairs took a wonderful turn. After your having so large an Army as Gen^l Hull had & great part of them having partly ravaged your Country & only a handfull of men to engage them at one time a great number of our *Shenaille Ecarte* Canadians & some Indians humbling themselves to Hull and a party of our people were driven back from Moguagon must have sickened many good & loyal subjects. What a happy Change has taken place & your pleasure must have been great to see so many of your Children in defence of their King & Country. I have heard a great deal of James & Alexander previous to Gen^l Brocks Arrival, they having been exposed several times at the different Skermishes that took place at the Canard, Petit Cote & Moguagon Much praise is given them. It was reported to me that Charles carried a private Soldiers dress fearing that he would be garrisoned below if dressed as a Civilian & that he went back w^h Gen^l Brock. John has no doubt given you an Account of the reasons of my not being down in time to Cooperate w^h the Gen^l. the Order, if I may call it an Order was recvd at this post the 12^h Aug^t at a time that all the Indians were as drunk as Ten Thousand Devils & Detroit was taken on the 16^h therefore it was impossible for any force to be down in that time & coasting the Lakes. Indeed the Band of Indians which Johnney took down could not be got off sooner I am even surprised they did not turn back when they heard that Detroit was in our possession. When John left this we had every reason to believe that Hull still held his possition at Babys & John was to have landed at Pikes Creek with all his Indians & Crossed the township of Maidston to form a junction with Col^l Elliott & M^cKee or if the Night was propitious he was to have passed in the

⁶¹ From the original manuscript in the Dominion Archives in Ottawa.