

Lieut. James Gorrell's Journal

Commencing at Detroit, September 8th, 1761, and ending at Montreal, August 13th, 1763, containing an account of several councils held with the Indians;—also, showing the villainy used by the Canadians to corrupt the Indians, and excite them against the English, with a brief account of the number and strength of the Indians, and their commerce in that quarter.

Detroit, Sept. 8, 1761.—Captain Belfour of the 80th Regt., was ordered to march with a detachment of the 60th and 80th Regts., to take possession of, and leave garrisons at the posts on Lakes Huron and Mitchicon, viz., at Mishamakinak, La Bay,* afterwards called Fort Edward Augustus, and St. Josephs.

Sept. 28th.—We arrived at Mishamakinak, when Capt. Belfour called a council of what chiefs of the Indians were then there, and gave them a belt and some strings of wampum. Here we left Lieut. Leslie, of the Royal American or 60th Regt., with one sergt., one corporal, one drummer, and twenty-five privates of the same regiment.

Oct. 1.—The rest of the detachment sailed with a fair wind for La Bay; went that evening sixteen computed leagues, and notwithstanding we were detained by contrary winds, &c., four days at the Grand River, we arrived at La Bay on the 12th, which is computed eighty leagues from Mishamakinak, at a time when there was but one family of Indians in the village—they being gone a hunting, according to their custom, at this time of the year, and return commonly in the months of April, May, and June, according to the distance they go, and the openness of the season. There were several Frenchmen who had gone up the river that forms the

*This taking possession of these western posts previously occupied by the French, was in consequence of the conquest of Canada the previous year by the English and Colonial forces, and the surrender of the Marquis de Vaudreuil, Governor General of Canada; and *La Bay* was our own Green Bay of Wisconsin, or, as the early French writers termed it, *la Baye des Puants*.