

command of the militia. The following permission to return and reside at Green Bay, is among the very few papers of my grandfather now preserved:

"MICHILLIMAKINAC, April 13, 1763.

"I have this date given permission to Messrs. Langlade, father and son, to live at the Post of La Baye, and do hereby order that no person may interrupt them in their voyage thither with their wives, children, servants and baggage.

GEO. ETHERINGTON, *Commandant.*"

We soon find Charles De Langlade back at Mackinaw, I suppose to purchase goods for his father, or for the Indian Department, and perhaps had to wait there awhile for the arrival of such goods from Montreal. A part of the Ottawas and Chippewas had espoused the cause of Pontiac, and formed the design of surprising the garrison, while the others were opposed to this new attempt to embroil the Indian tribes in difficulties with the English. De Langlade learned the condition of things from his Indian friends who were not a party to the scheme, and went to Capt. Etherington and told him of the designs against the fort. Etherington would then summon before him Match-i-ku-is,\* and other leading Ottawa chiefs implicated in the plot, when they would stoutly deny it; thereupon Etherington would dismiss both the Indians and their suspicions. Again and again would De Langlade warn him, and with the same result. Finally he went once more, and repeated his firm convictions of the threatened misfortunes; when Etherington replied, "Mr. De Langlade, I am weary of hearing the stories you so often bring me; they are the foolish twaddle of old women, and unworthy of belief; the Indians have nothing against the English, and cherish no evil designs; I hope, therefore, that you will not trouble me with any more such stuff."

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\*Col. De Peyster, who commanded at Mackinaw at the period of 1774 to 1779, and knew Match-i-ku-is well, speaks in his *Miscellanies* of "bold Match-i-ku-is—the same who surprised Mackinaw in 1763," who, "under pretence of playing, kicked the ball over the fort picquets, rushed in with his band, with arms concealed, and accomplished his purpose."