

Col. Dickson for a British medal; which, upon the arrival of Col. John Bowyer, the first American Indian Agent at Green Bay, he found it convenient to re-exchange for an American one.

In the summer of 1816, I went to Mackinaw with two boats, and the furs and peltries of my winter's trade; and at the same time Stanislaus Chappue conducted a boat there belonging to John Lawe. Arrangements were making to convey a body of American troops to Green Bay to establish a garrison there. Maj. Charles Gratiot came to me, and asked if I could not come up with them as pilot? I said I could not, as I had come to Mackinaw with two boats, designing to take back a supply of goods for the trade of the ensuing winter. Maj. Gratiot said he thought it could be arranged satisfactorily, and then went to Col. Miller, who commanded the detachment destined for the Bay; it was arranged to put the goods on board the schooners, of which there were three, getting in readiness to convey the troops, and tow the boats back. To this arrangement, I readily consented. I was pilot on the *Washington*; Chappue and John B. Labord were the pilots of the other schooners, one of which was the *Mink*—the name of the other I have forgotten. Nothing material happened, except that the *Washington* had to wait four days in Washington Harbor, near the mouth of Green Bay, waiting for the others which had missed their route. We at length reached the Green Bay settlement, a little after mid-day, about the 16th of July to the great wonder and surprise of the people. These were the first vessels at Green Bay. The troops pitched their tents near where the fort was subsequently erected; and it was about two months before they got houses and barracks ready for occupation, having had to get out timber, and saw out lumber with the whip-saw.

Col. Miller, the very day of his arrival, accompanied by Col. Chambers, Maj. Gratiot, Capt. Ben. O'Fallon and other