

going for a gun-boat of the enemy, being a little above Fort Madison. When I had arrived, they were lying drunk. I ordered them into the guard-house. They were very insolent to the Sergeant, and in fact rushed out of the Block-house where they were confined, having no sentry over them, and behaved with violence, taking up clubs to defend themselves from the guard, when I ordered them a second time to be kept close. Having only one pair of fetters, I had them put on to one of them; the other I had tied.

MONDAY, August 15.—At nine, seven canoes, Renards from the Riviere au D'Inde, arrived. Having received a letter in French, from Capt. Grignon, on the 12th inst., the difficulty of deciphering it, prevented my inserting till today, as follows:

FORT MCKAY, Aug. 12, 1814.

CAPT. T. G. ANDERSON, Comd'g Fort McKay:—

*Sir*—I beg you to take into consideration the request which I made of Lieut. Col. McKay, which he accepted. As I do not intend to act in anything that would be disagreeable to you; and knowing your intelligence, I hope that you will take everything into consideration. My only object is to prove as much as my feeble knowledge permits, to submit my views of public matters, which are founded upon truth, and which are of the greatest importance to make known, and should be understood everywhere, being interested for the service of His Majesty, etc.

1. The provisions which are absolutely indispensable, and which it would be a failure not to recognize [are wanting]. You know that the inhabitants of Green Bay are without help for their harvest, and that it is impossible for them to gather their crops without assistance. A mill there stands idle for lack of workmen. It is important for them to be provided with flour, unless affairs at Mackinaw should permit the furnishing an immediate supply, or I should not be allowed to return home (the people there must suffer).

It would be possible to send the powder you need, from that place; I myself could furnish two hundred and fifty pounds. Here you need to be provided with the munitions of war; you have not enough for the force you have, and what is the need of us Green Bay people here? Without additional supplies, you will be unable to defend the place; it is like a body without a soul. If permitted to return to the Bay, and you should have information of the approach of the enemy, I think that receiving notice, I could come to your assistance as soon as the (Indian) nations nearest here; and the nations of Fox River would come more promptly with me than by sending a message to them, which would only be met by procrastination as usual.

2. The provisions which are being consumed here by so many, it would be better, in my opinion, to husband in part, for another time (when the