

enemy should threaten, and re-inforcements should be needed). It is costly to transport supplies for so many men from Mackinaw. As there are not sufficient munitions for those here, it has been my intention to obtain leave to go to the Illinois with some volunteers. I have tried to raise the Sacs and Foxes, in order to embroil them with the enemy. Such were the intentions of your servant, and more.

I need say nothing further. I hope for a furlough, and not transportation, as early as possible, with a letter of recommendation to the commander at Mackinaw, if agreeable to you to grant it.

I am, sir, etc., etc.,

PIERRE GRIGNON, Capt.¹

My answer was as follows:

FORT MCKAY, August 15, 1814.

CAPTAIN GRIGNON:

Sir.—In answer to your letter of the 12th inst. I have to say as to the request you say you made of Colonel McKay, I know nothing about it. Summing up the contents of your letter, I find you want permission to return home, a request I cannot take upon myself to grant, for two reasons: first, that it was optional with you, previous to the Colonel's departure, to remain here, or return to your home; secondly, you are on the list with those to do garrison duty here till the reinforcement arrives from Mackinaw. As to provision, the less said on this subject the better. The object of our coming here was to make use of our arms, etc.

As to your good intentions, and wish to go and burn St. Louis,² I conceive it to be out of the question to harbor any such idea, with any number of the Indians, and perhaps forty or fifty volunteers that you with difficulty could muster. Attacking and totally destroying so formidable a place as that, is in my opinion, absurd. I am much obliged to you for your offer of powder, and am sorry it is out of reach. Having answered the principal subjects of your letter, I am sir, your humble servant,

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Comd'g.

At ten, Lieut. Graham went off to try and get the gun-boat, as mentioned in yesterday's orders. At six P. M. a violent thunder storm, with rain and much lightning. The firmament was as if in a continual blaze, from seven till ten.

TUESDAY, August 16th.—At ten, called up the Michigans that were confined on Sunday. When they proved that they got the rum, with which they got drunk on Sunday, from one of the Vol-

¹ Translated by Prof. W. F. Allen, so far as the sense could be comprehended.

² As this intention does not appear in Capt. Grignon's letter, it must have been derived from verbal expressions.

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