

a most determined and vigorous defense. With the assistance of your Indians, I doubt not you will be able to repel any attempt of the enemy; but above all things, be constantly in readiness for it. I have the honor to be, etc.,

(Signed.)

R. McDOUALL, Lieut. Col. Commanding.

POINT AU ECORCE, August 24, 1814.

My DEAR ANDERSON:—

As soon as the boat arrives, you will send down ten kegs powder to the Sauks, etc. I need not tell you to put the place in the best state of defense, and get all the Indians from above, etc. Yours, etc.,

(Signed.)

WM. McKAY, Lieut.-Col., etc.

Besides these I received other letters from my friends.

TUESDAY, Sept. 13th.—Lieut. Brisbois arrived early in the morning in a canoe with interpréter Grignon, and the men that went down with the first supplies of provisions. At twelve, the weather cleared up, having rained successively two days and nights. At half past six, Lieut. Graham arrived with the whole detachment under his command, all well, after having driven off eight large gun-boats, with about one hundred men in each of them. We were obliged to give a good deal of bread, and some wheat to the warriors from below. The Puants drove off and killed one of Capt. Rolettes' oxen. Notwithstanding his men saw them drive the ox away, they neither attempted to rescue him out of their hands, nor come and give information, in order to get assistance from me.

WEDNESDAY, September 14th.—Began to write dispatches to Mackinaw. Finished at five o'clock in the afternoon. To Lieut. Col. McDouall, as follows:

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, FORT McKAY, Sept. 14th, 1814.

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your obliging favor of the 21st ult., which I received on the 12th inst. in the evening, with one case of fixed shot, and one keg of powder, the conductor of the boat, not, as he says, having been able to drag the boat across the Portage. I sent off a boat this afternoon to bring away the ammunition, and the one from Mackinaw will return immediately from there to Green Bay with these dispatches, directed to Lieut. Grignon, for him to forward.

I have the honor most graciously to thank you for myself, and in the name of all the troops, etc., attached to this garrison for your condescending approbation of their conduct in the late engagement at this place, under our undaunted and able Commander, Lt.-Col. McKay, to whose judicious man-