

The above is a correct statement of the Forces in Fort McKay, on the 24th August, 1814.

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Com'd'g.
FORT MCKAY, Sept. 18, 1814.

[Endorsed on back of the paper:]

PAUL L'ALLEMENT.

CLAUDE LAFRAMBOISE.

MICHEL ARMARD.

MICHILIMACKINAC, 23rd Sept., 1814.

To Captain Anderson:

Sir:—I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 29th ult., by Capt. Grignon, communicating the information of the enemy's indicating an intention of attacking your post. I, however, am inclined to believe that their object for the present is confined to revenging themselves on the Sauks by an attempt to destroy their corn-fields and villages, and I am sanguine in my hopes, from the formidable body of Indians assembled at the Rock River, that it will be completely frustrated and punished, as it ought.

I greatly approve of your having sent a detachment down the river in aid of the Indian force. I am convinced, it is the best mode of defending your post; and you cannot exert yourself too much in encouraging the Sauks, and affording them every assistance that is in your power to give. By that means you keep the war at a distance; and if the proper spirit is cherished and kept up amongst the Indians, I flatter myself the enemy will not be able to force such a formidable barrier. I fear it will be difficult to preserve unanimity, and that cordial co-operation with each other which is so necessary, and yet so hard to bring about, where they are numerous. You will, of course, see the necessity of making this your constant study. The ammunition sent by Corporal Heywood will arrive very opportunely, and prove for the present a supply fully equal to the demand; but unfortunately we had neither arms nor tobacco to accompany it. I am in hopes we shall be able very soon to send supplies of those arti-