

will bring down all their young men to your assistance. I shall use every exertion to send Mr. Dickson with the Indian presents, I hope, accompanied by a detachment of troops, as soon as possible after the latter arrive. In the meantime, I send by Mr. Rollette four barrels of powder for the Indians. You will know it from his, that belonging to him being marked with his initials.

With regard to the Volunteers, those belonging to the Bay being, I understand, greatly wanted, you will, if their services can be dispensed with, permit them to return, of course, omitting them in your pay-list from the day their service ceases. The remainder will certainly be required, at all events, till relieved; but you may render their garrison duty as easy and as little harassing to them, as possible, assuring them all at the same time, that I am highly pleased with their behavior and services they have rendered. As they so meritoriously contributed to the recovery of the Prairie du Chien and Fort McKay, so, I doubt not, they will as gallantly exert themselves to defend their conquest. I am perfectly satisfied hitherto with your measures, but particularly with sending the gun and detachment to support the Indians.

The war must be kept at as great a distance from you as possible. You must hold a high language to the Indians, such as our great power, and unparalleled successes in general, and our commanding attitude in the Canadas in particular, justify and require.

Let the bright prospect which we may fairly anticipate, leave not a thought amongst any of you but of success and victory, and animate the whole in such a manner as will prevent the enemy from ascending the Mississippi this season.

Next year we shall, I hope, be able to afford more effectual support, and the enemy will then find himself assailed in all directions, and have fully enough upon his hands. I have the honor, etc.

(Signed,)

ROB'T McDOUALL, Lieut. Col. Com'd'g.

P. S. As Commandant, no person is to interfere with your command. I doubt not but you are well supported by the officers under you, particularly Lieuts. Graham and Brisbois, and Serg't Keating of the artillery. You will not fail to mention to