

there are no appearances of the enemy's approach at present, the men are little wanted here.

The troops here have been almost continually, more or less of them, on fatigue, for which I make them the usual allowance of ten pence per day. The militia, when on fatigue, will have the same allowance; and as circumstances made it necessary for me to oblige them to furnish themselves with provisions, they will have six pence per day for that; and for every team furnished they will receive five shillings—all of which, as well as every other account, shall be correctly stated, and Mr. Rolette will pay them. With respect to the officers here, I am highly pleased with them all, and assure you they have rendered every service in their power. As to Sergeant Keating, of the Artillery, from the zealous, courageous and handsome manner in which he has behaved since he left Mackinaw, I conceive him worthy of every advantage that merit in his profession deserves.

Mr. Honore, of the Indian Department, has, since we left Mackinaw, acted in the capacity of Commissary, without whose assistance I would be badly off in this respect, for which Mr. Rolette informs me he has received your approbation of granting him the pay of a Lieutenant, which I hope may not be improper to continue, as his assistance in that capacity is indispensably necessary. It may be proper for me to observe, that the high price of goods at this place would make it impossible for a private soldier to keep himself completely equipped, exclusive of his yearly clothing, even if he had a subaltern officer's pay. It requires two and a half months' pay of a private to buy himself a pair of shoes, and other things in proportion.

The detachment of Michigan Fencibles in this garrison have, till now, proved to be good soldiers; but they require severe officers. As this garrison is small, and not placed in an advantageous situation for the defense of the place, it will be necessary for the officer commanding here, as soon as possible, to have the requisite instructions on this head; and if an alteration is allowed to be made, the materials necessary, such as wood and stone, must be got out to the spot on the snow. My determination and wish to act in every respect in conformity to your or-