

tentions, particularly in affording that prompt assistance to the Sauks which inspired them with such courage and confidence, and in the end was productive of such brilliant results. Captain Bulger, of the Royal Newfoundland Reg't, being appointed by me to command at Fort McKay, and on the Mississippi, in resigning it to him, I should not do justice to the opinion I entertain of your merit, did I not testify my entire satisfaction with your conduct while you held it. I, therefore, doubt not that you will exhibit the same zeal for the good of the service, and afford Captain Bulger the utmost assistance and support which may be in your power, and, in the event of being again attacked by the enemy, that your company of Volunteers will distinguish themselves by their gallantry and good conduct, of which, you may assure them, I have a high idea.

I have directed Capt. Bulger to give every facility to you, duly receiving your pay, and the other allowances to which you and your officers are entitled. I have the honor, etc.,

(Signed)

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

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PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Jan. 3d, 1815.

Robert Dickson, "agent of the Western Indians, and Superintendent of the conquered countries," writes under the above date, to Capt. A. H. Bulger, commanding Fort McKay:

*Sir*:—The Sergeant on guard having informed me that the Indian Chief who was then a prisoner in Fort McKay, was sick; I thought proper to send the Sioux interpreter, Joseph Renville, to visit him, who returned with the following talk delivered by the Indian:

"I am very sick. My Father apparently finds it necessary that I should die here. If I am longer kept a close prisoner, I will most surely die of disease. It troubles my spirit to think that I shall die of sickness. I request of my Father that I may suffer death from the hands of his soldiers. Dying by the hands of his soldiers, will be the means of saving my nation from destruction; and the Sioux Chief, the Little Corbeau, will know the manner of my death. The man who committed the murder is not of my band; but I understand that it is not altogether for him that I am bound, but for the very bad conduct of my people before this happened—therefore, I demand to die by the hands of your soldiers."

On being interrogated by the interpreter respecting the man who was first confined, and who had promised to return, he answered: "That he was not a