

but, as I had nothing new to write to you, I have deferred answering you until now.

The boat from the Bay has arrived, which brings us word that the tribes of the Bay are at the present moment clamoring to come and join us; and gives us reason for expecting them at every moment, with all the English who were at the Bay. The commandant at the Bay observes, that they are extremely well disposed towards us.*

The news which you noted for me in respect to Monsieur Ducharme, were told to me yesterday; but they are so extraordinary that I cannot believe them.†

As I expect every moment the four tribes (nations) from the Bay, I pray you to send me a boat with twelve sacks of wheat (or corn), twelve rolls of tobacco; and, if it is possible to get them, four or five porcelain (China) necklaces, with the wheat and the tobacco, tomorrow. If the boat is not ready, send a man by land with the news tomorrow.

You have written me something of the bad talk of our traders. I have questioned them, and they deny it; but, as I am persuaded that they had no reason for holding that sort of discourse, do me the kindness to inform me what was said; and if it is possible to convict any one of it, he shall be severely punished. Upon the subject of the two Ottawas, you will give them some little present, and encourage them to work well, and that they shall not be forgotten when matters shall be arranged.

The Fort was some thirty miles from L'Arbre Croche—a proper distance to correspond with the statement in Ethrington's letter, that it was to be conveyed to the Fort in one day, and a return made the next. This letter was placed in the hands of Isaac Lee, the agent sent to Green Bay in 1820, with other Langlade papers by Langlade's daughter, Mrs. Domitilde Langevin, formerly Mrs. Pierre Grignon, Sr., or her son, Pierre Grignon, Jr., in support of the land claims of her family. It has been kindly translated by O. M. Conover, LL. D.

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* Lieut. Gorrell had abandoned the post at Green Bay in obedience to Captain Ethrington's orders; and, with his command, was escorted to L'Arbre Croche by a body of friendly Menomonees, and arrived there June 30th, two days after the date of this letter.

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† Laurent Ducharme was an Indian trader, and was present at the capture of Mackinaw in 1763, as stated in Grignon's "Recollections," *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, iii, 233. The "extraordinary news" concerning Ducharme, has reference, doubtless to some bold robbery committed on him; as Ethrington, on the day of this letter, wrote to Lieut. Gorrell: "The Sauteurs or Chippewas continue their mischief—they have plundered all the canoes they have met with since I have wrote you last."—*Wis. Hist. Colls.*, i, 44.

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