

ingly kind ever since I have been with him, for which reason if you arrive at Detroit before me, and can in any way send him a ten gallon bag of spirits, I will pay for it myself. You may remember you desired me to engage goods to sell to the French, wholesale.

I wrote you from Michilimackinae last fall, respecting my having engaged between two and three thousand pounds' worth to be delivered at Detroit. The men will have the pay ready, I understand; and they depend on the bargain [i. e. rely on its fulfillment]. I am in hopes I shall not be disappointed in it. The proposal of bringing cattle, I am assured, would be very advantageous, otherwise I would not so earnestly recommend it to you.

I am very much surprised that I have never heard a word from one of you since I left home. It gives me no small uneasiness, for many reasons, you very well know.

I would inform you, however, that I hourly expect to hear from you now, as Lieut. Gorrell expects news from Detroit very soon. [They go] from here to Michilimackinae by Indian [canoes]; but it's not safe going over the waves [in such small craft], as many [accidents occur]. There has been no opportunity before this year; but [whether] any offers by [sail is a] question. I intend going as soon as Mr. Lottridge* and Jimmy Daugherty arrive, which is expected soon.

Enclosed is a letter to my wife, and one to Mr. Clallen, which I would be obliged to you [to deliver to them]. The Indians seem well inclined if [it were not] for those d—d Canadians; they [appear to be as well] attached to the English [as any we] have ever yet had. Pray [give] my compliments to your families and all friends. I hope in everything I act to meet your approbation, as it is my wish [to do].

Dear Gentlemen, your much obliged and very humble servant.

EDMOND MORAN.

* Gorrell's Journal, in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, 1, 37, 45, shows that Lottridge was an Indian trader, who had been engaged in trading up Fox River during the preceding winter and spring. When Gorrell abandoned the post at Green Bay, and on his arrival with his garrison and the Wisconsin traders at Mackinaw, "the Indians belonging to the Isle Castor took one Mr. Lottridge and Mr. Croghan; the former was taken from them by a chief of the Sacs, to whom he gave considerable presents; but the latter was obliged to buy himself clear."