

it the other day, and one wounded in the fort. The express tracked the Indians all the way from the Laurel Hill to within ten miles of this place. I hope we will be able to keep this post, though God knows.

They write that no less than twelve hundred men would be sufficient to escort provisions to Pitt; so you may consider what condition they are in there. They have war ships against Detroit, and have been against it these five weeks with fifteen hundred Indians. The French will not help the English there.

I shall open the goods in the manner you direct. A hogshead or two of rum would sell very well here; sugar, tea and coffee, coarse and fine linen, and trimmings of all sorts, would sell well here likewise. If you think of carrying on the trade at this place, you can judge what will suit the camp and country yourselves—shoes and stockings, without fail.

I am so confused—as are all the men here—I cannot write. The provisions were all taken from Lieut. Coulier,* and eight hundred barrels since then are taken at Little Niagara.

Remember me to all friends.

I am, gentlemen, your most humble servant,

JOHN CLARK.

N. B.—I have not yet got a house for the goods. If you think the goods are not safe here, as dangers soon will be, [give the necessary directions].

To Capts. Shelby and Postlethwaite.

TUSCAROWA, AT CAMP No. 13, Oct. 21, 1764.

DEAR SIR:—Yesterday evening we arrived here. We were kindly received by Col. Bouquet, who was holding a conference with the Indians, of whom there is a tolerable number, and some of them are the d—st rascals that now live. The speech the Colonel made co-operated with their character. I believe a peace will ensue; if so, we must return without scalps; but if a peace, we may be assured it will be much to our advantage, etc. I wrote you from Fort Pitt, that I intended coming here in consequence of

* Lieut. Cuyler's defeat, near Detroit. See Parkman's *Pontiac*, i, 265-68.