

his wife and family turned out in the snow, almost naked, by the villains who have already paid for it. Your brother must also have been exchanged, as I see his name in the list. We ought to be grateful to Providence for what has taken place, and so unexpectedly. The Indians that are here, the Folles Avaines I mean, are quite happy. I have told the Sauks and Renards that they sleep too long. If they do not get up, that I shall rouse them with the hatchet, and that Britain suffers no neutrals.

Mr. Askins sending to L. Grignon's the express is of no consequence I know, to you; but I will, if I live, overhaul that gentleman. He has all along acted with the greatest impropriety. This is a horrid scrawl, but I will shortly make up for it by sending you a volume of news. I shall soon be on the move. I beg you not to give a needle to any Indian on the Milwaukee side. I am determined to punish those rascals.

With best wishes, I remain, dear sir,

Yours truly,

R. DICKSON.

Mr. Dease is just arrived, almost starved—four days without eating. I will get a sufficiency of provisions at the Prairie.¹ No news of any consequence.

Lt. John Lawe, Ind. Dept, La Baye.

FOX RIVER, April 19, 1814.

Dear Sir:—I received your separate favors of 11th, and that by the express, which brings us glorious news from Europe. I send you a *Montreal Gazette*, but not the latest. I have given Lt. Pullman a short detail of the European news. In Canada all is activity and bustle. Jonathan intends doing great things before the war ceases, and we must all exert ourselves to keep him out of the country. We are to be strongly reinforced at Mackinac. Officers of the Royal Navy marines, artillery and regulars, and in all upwards of five hundred men. I have directed Lt. Pullman to wait Mr.

¹ Prairie du Chien.