

I have to inform you that we flatter ourselves that we can hold our Fort—thanks to the success we have had in the region of Niagara, as well as through the re-enforcement we expect this Spring of two hundred men, one [cannon], and thirty-two barges laden with provisions, followed by two gunboats netted [barricaded] in case of need.

I beg you to forward my baggage, if you have a good opportunity; or, if you have not, to take charge of it yourself, for I suppose we shall have the pleasure of seeing you. My compliments to Messrs. Pierre and Augustin Grignon, and Mr. Lawe.

Meantime I am, with consideration, Sir,

Your very humble servant and friend,

J. B. BERTHELOT.

*Mr. Louis Grignon, La Baye.*

#### WILLIAM MCKAY TO JAMES PORLIER

FORT MCKAY, 28th July, 1814.

*Sir*:—Deeming it appropriate after the restoration of Fort Shelby to the arms of His Majesty under my command, to send my dispatches for Michilimackinac, it is for you to transmit them by an express canoe. For the expenses incurred, [if exorbitant?] I shall hold you responsible.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you, that the conduct and services of Lieut. Porlier, your son, have been far beyond what I dared to hope in a young man; and if his future conduct does not disappoint appearances, he will be an honor to the Canadian nation, and a useful man to his country.

Awaiting the pleasure of seeing you, I am,

Your obedient servant,

WM. MCKAY, LT. COL.

*James [Jacques] Porlier, Green Bay.*

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIEUT. GRIGNON, INDIAN DEPARTMENT

You will consider your station at La Baye, as an intermediate point of communication between Fort McKay, on the