

Mississippi, and this Island, making it your study to do everything you can for the general good of the service, or for the particular advantage of either of these posts.

You will be ready to convey to the officer commanding at Fort McKay such dispatches as may be occasionally forwarded to him from this place, or such other information as may come to your knowledge, and which you may think it necessary that he should know. Should you also find that the post is threatened with an attack by the enemy, and you called upon for assistance by the commandant of Fort McKay, you will then, with the most indefatigable exertion, collect as soon as possible, as many of the Folles Avoines and Winnebago Indians as you can, and repair to his assistance, your brother, in such a case, supplying the necessary provisions.

The commandant attaches no small consequence to the exertions which he trusts you will make to obtain for the use of this garrison every barrel of flour that can possibly be furnished at Green Bay, and expects that you will spare neither time nor trouble in obtaining and forwarding, if possible, these supplies, of such importance to us, which if not furnished all in flour, the remainder must be sent in wheat.

Lieut. Col. McKay will perhaps be able to arrange with you some mode of contracting for and forwarding these supplies, which will be paid for at this place. Should any of the wives of the Indians who are on duty at this Island be in want, your brother may occasionally render them some assistance. Your utmost exertions will be required, as well as those of your brother, to hurry off the Folle Avoine Indians, who are required for the defense of this Island, with the utmost possible expedition.

Given under my hand, at Michilimackinac, this 21st of Augt., 1814.

RBT. McDOUALL, LT. COL.,  
*Com'g at Michilimackinac.*