

both here and at Fort McKay, for this ensuing campaign, measures being in contemplation which will afford us hereafter ample support and protection. I, therefore, doubt not, but that the loyal inhabitants of Green Bay will exert themselves to the utmost in supporting both posts as far as their means will admit.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

RBT. MCDOULL, Lieut. Col.,

Commanding Michilimackinac and Dependencies, and the Indian Department thereof.

Lieut. Grignon.

ASKIN TO LAWE

MICHILIMACKINAC, 6th March, 1815.

Dear Sir:—I am informed that Col. McDouall has written you and Lieut. Grignon to bring, at the opening of the navigation, from eighty to one hundred warriors; and as you are well aware of the difficulty we labored under last Summer from the instability of some of the tribes, who made repeated applications to be dismissed under frivolous pleas, I trust that as the number required are so few, you will spare no pains in selecting the steadiest and bravest men. The commandant intends to take notice of all the warriors who come to this with their arms in good repair, and is to order them something additional at the delivery of presents. I, therefore, hope that your people will appear fully accoutred after the hint I give you. La Rose has been detained in expectation that the York¹ courier would arrive to enable us to give you the news from below; but, as the season is far advanced, and we had had two days of uncommon thawing weather, the commandant has thought proper to send him away with directions for his making all possible diligence, so that the dispatches may reach the Prairie du Chien with as little delay as possible.

La Rose received his payment in cash, and I have given him an additional present to encourage him to exert himself in making all possible haste. The Indians also received

¹ Little York, now Toronto.