

ing no favorable answer indeed none at all to myself, I dismissed her. I can send such a vessel at [to] St. Josephs and get answer to my letters in eight days or sooner whereas I must not expect it in less than a month if so soon by a Canoe or small boat. The above representation was long before Your Excellency took the command.

I hope your Excellency is acquainted with the reasons why Sir Guy Carleton ordered me to remain at this post with an hand-ful of men and no other Command, to [with] a Captain of the Regiment and remaining guide removed, from what will in all probability soon become the scene of action if the Rebels are not routed from the Illinois.

I have the honor &c

(Signed) A. S. DE PEYSTER.

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DE PEYSTER TO HALDIMAND.

MICHILIMAKINAC 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1778.

SIR, — Soon after my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. was despatched by a light Canoe, Messrs. Langlade and Gautier arrived here and informed me that they were sent up to attend my order. I was surprised they bro<sup>t</sup> me no letters, but they tell me Your Excellency was at Chamblée and that Lieut. Col. Campbell<sup>1</sup> sent them off lest the weather should set in so as to prevent them getting up. I have come to the resolution to send these Gentlemen off to give every assistance in their power to Lieut. Gov<sup>r</sup> Hamilton.

I have provided them with some Goods, which I believe with their presence amongst the Indians will do more good than I could have expected by sending my Belts by the hands of Indians.

Mr. Langlade is to undertake the Grand River, near which the Ottawa's and Chippewa's from the place winter. And Mr. Gautier is to proceed straight to St. Joseph's where he will give orders for the Indians in that neighbourhood to assemble whilst he endeavours to get intelligence of the route

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<sup>1</sup> Lieut. Colonel John Campbell, of the 57th foot.—ED.