

Mr. Hamilton has taken, so as to be able to join him with all expedition.

Mr. Hamilton by this means will not meet with any impediments from want of such assistance as [is] in my power to give him.

Should they find that he is returned to Detroit, they then have orders to cross the country to their old Stations, to keep the Labay and Mississippi Indians in temper & there wait further orders.

I also sent off my Interpreter to St. Joseph's to bring me back necessary intelligence.

At this present Juncture I should have found the benefit of having the Sloop Welcome, as I have been obliged to press from some of the Inhabitants their only serv<sup>t</sup> to enable me to make out a canoe to transport them to St. Joseph's, and the winds are rather high.

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I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect, Your Excellency's Most Humble obed Servant,

(Signed) A. S. DE PEYSTER.

*To His Excellency, the Commander in Chief.*

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DE PEYSTER TO HALDIMAND.

MICHILIMAKINAC 29<sup>th</sup> Januy 1779.

SIR,— I did myself the honor to write to your Excellency on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October acquainting you with the steps I had taken towards giving assistance to L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Hamilton having sent Messrs Langlade Gautier & Ains<sup>1</sup> is [they have] returned with the following report viz that they were detained on their way by contrary winds, so that they did not reach the mouth of grand river till the thirteenth day of Novembre, where Mr Langlade landed agreeable to his Intencion. That on their way to St Joseph's they spoke with the Ottawa chiefs who declined the expedition for want of previous notice but declared themselves ready in the Spring. That detained by a continuation of bad weather he Ains & Gautier did not

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<sup>1</sup> Interpreter at Fort Michilimackinac.— ED.