

at the grand river till they the Virginians had taken this Fort [Michilimackinac], and delivered it into the hands of the Indian's old friends the French and that Siggename¹ the disaffected Milwaukee chief was to lead the first division — yesterday [there] arrived a man from the same place who relates that he was informed from [that] the chief Gicee [Gorce] who wintered at the Grand Traverse about forty leagues from this did not believe it, & and sent the Person who brought it back to the Grand river to get further information. He further said that he understood that the Virginians were at Chicagou I have dispatched people to make all possible inquiry relative to this news.

Should they come that way I think there is hopes of their repenting their voyage, as I cannot be persuaded the Indians have so soon forgot their promise, but on the other hand if Detroit falls it must be expected that their friendship will fall with it.

The provisions of this Post turn out very bad great quantities of the Pork appearing evidently to have been condemned before sent up here the pieces being much cut and scarcely packed over & that with dry salt. What Pork we serve as good is frequently so rusty that the soldier scarcely gets half his allowance. I have the honor &c

(Signed) A. S. DE PEYSTER.

P. S. I have taken the liberty to inclose a copy of the last condemnation for the month of April.

LIEUT. COLONEL BOLTON TO HALDIMAND.

NIAGARA, May the 20th 1779.

SIR,—

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Major De Peyster in a letter dated the 2nd of May informs me that some squaws went a short time ago to see their relations about forty miles from this they returned with the

¹ Onaugesa, mentioned by Augustin Grignon (*Wis. Hist. Coll.*, iii, pp. 290, 292) as being the Menomonee chief at Milwaukee in 1784-85.— Ed.