

thereby he is entitled to give security, which I shall take and transmit it to Montreal.

I have the Honor to be

(Signed) A. S. DE PEYSTER.

HALDIMAND TO DE PEYSTER.

QUEBEC July 3rd 1779.

SIR,—I have rec'd both your letters of the 14th past the necessity which you represent, that goods should be sent to your Post, and to Lake Superior, and the safety with which you say, it may be done to His Majesty's Service, has induced me to grant passes for the number of Canoes you have specified in your letter. I shall depend upon your judgment and experience in the distribution of them, laying the Traders under such restrictions as will most conduce to the Interest of the Public Service.

You judged right in not employing the Indians against the Illinois, since it is your opinion that Cruelties alone would be the result, I would not however absolutely discourage their Incursions into that settlement, as their appearing firm in our interest may have a good effect, not only in the eyes of the Rebels, but of the inhabitants who are so disaffected to us, besides it may be the means of procuring useful intelligence, which you will strongly recommend to, and endeavour to effect by means of these parties — Every caution necessary against cruelty, I am persuaded you will observe.

Wabashas proposal is a very uncommon one from an Indian and tho' it would, as you justly observe, be very imprudent to adopt it Yet the zeal he has manifested merits our attention.

You will naturally prevent as much as in your power,

goods and canoes (*Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix., p. 358). June 14, De Peyster (*Id.*, pp. 383, 384) wrote his superior that the order had been carried into effect, and "the whole of his goods seized and lodged in the King's store." Howard finally obtained security at Montreal and recovered his effects.— ED.