

## SINCLAIR TO HALDIMAND.

[No date; but apparently written in February, 1780.]

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A supply of Indian Presents is wanted very early — In that Department a Mons<sup>r</sup> Langlade with a Capt<sup>ns</sup> Commission from Gen<sup>l</sup> Carleton, a Mr. Gautier (Interpreter in the room of Mr. Ainsea, a man of abilities allowed to retire by Major De Peyster) are men of no understanding, application or steadiness, though I believe well disposed to undertake services which I cannot confide in either. As no accident of any kind has happened to any sett of People here since Major De Peyster left this, The returns will go agreeably to your Excell<sup>t</sup> orders, later in the spring.

I have prepared nine large Belts Geographically descriptive of the strides made in Colonization, of ours and the Spanish situation on the Mississippi, & placed two Indian figures with joined hands & raised axes in the Country between this & that River — It serves to please them —

I have the honer to be with respect Sir — Your Excell<sup>t</sup>'s most obed<sup>t</sup> Humble Servant

PAT<sup>r</sup> SINCLAIRL<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of Michilimackinac.

## BREHM TO SINCLAIR.

QUEBEC April 17<sup>th</sup> 1780.

SIR,—

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His Excellency very much approves your having sent to collect the Corn in the Depots made by the Indians upon Lake Michigan & Huron, as a serviceable measure to increase the Stock of Provisions & a very proper precaution to prevent supplies being formed for the Enemy's use — never theless in these critical Times, you should be extremely careful to avoid giving any grounds of offense to the Indians.