

everything was settled with Wabasha here, & his wants were supplied principally by the timely arrival of the King's Cannoes. Sixty Winipigoes & a party of Indians from the West side of Lake Michigan are sent to cross the roads leading from the Rebel Posts — on the Ohio and Wabash — to the Illinois, to cover Captⁿ Bird of the 8th who may be encumbered with Artillery, & to intercept Convoys of Provisions or Partys of the Rebels occasionally in motion from either Quarter.

From this to the close of Harvest, small parties will be sent from here in that direction. I have hired for a year three men who undertake to carry Expresses from Niagara to this Post, in ten or twelve days, which Your Excellency may think a preferable Route to that of Detroit, for such matters as may require secrecy or dispatch. I have the honor to be Sir your Excellency's most obed^t & most humble Servant.

PAT^r SINCLAIR, 84th Reg^t.

Michilimackinac 8th July 1780.

P. S. No accident happened to any of the Indians or others in retiring. Mons^r Ducharmé permitted two profligate Frenchmen who were in his charge as Prisoners, to go to the Illinois. Numbers of that stamp are brought in from the Indians with their consent & approbation & the whole are ordered in Mr. Ainsés, call Interpreter here, is sent to bring in the Crew from St Josephs, Mons^r Chevallier is his uncle, & will come in, I believe through favor & compulsion, if he is not encouraged to stay here.

SINCLAIR TO HALDIMAND.

SIR,—

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Numbers of the People who used to winter at the Illinois & Mississippi will be allowed to go down late in the year, if they should not, be required by the Traders for Lake Superior or near wintering Grounds —

I am obliged to prevent anything going to the South side of Lake Superior for some months hence to avoid the In-