

trigues of the Traders, who concert with disaffected Indians the means of supplying them. As an Instance of their Turpitude, Monsieur Calvé & Le Croix with some others, after sending some of their Prisoners to the Enemy Equip't one, Provençal, with what goods remained in the wintering ground & sent him to the Illinois which they made a sham attack upon.

They also knew Provençal to be a person who opposed Major De Peyster's orders & who had refused to come in to the Post, & otherwise a man of an Infamous Character.

I therefore think it my Duty to prefer checking evils of that nature, to the silence of People who will now very probably become very clamorous.

I am, Sir, with Esteem Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

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Michilimackinac 2^d Aug 1780.

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SINCLAIR TO HALDIMAND.

SIR,— As it has been unfortunately left to my lott to check several abuses, to purge the Indian Country of many bad People, who shelter themselves in it, from Authority, Justice & their Créditors — Each will be naturally armed with a dagger against the Person who has undertaken the Task which I could not refuse, Even, in the fullest consideration of the Times, and the consequences which may tho' thankless [and] dangerous, result from so necessary Measures.

To pass over the Whim & Caprice of several engaged in the Service, Experience has taught me as excusable often, but, when from a Disposition altogether unfriendly to the source of Authority in the Province & to that exercised in conformity of [with] it (of which I am sorry to say there is too much apparent at Detroit) I then think it is my Duty to take determinate Steps as must root out so great an evil, if pursued everywhere.

Please to observe the insolence of a man, who is indebted to His Excellency for his daily Bread, borrowing the language of the discontented at Detroit & at this Place — You will see that he is not mistaken, If I am precise in obedience of orders, & will Justify these People's opinions in calling