

this Fort, Fort Haldimand. They all do me honor which I shall be happy if my conduct may claim.

This far I write officially thro' the medium of Friendship.

Were it necessary to offer any other justification for confining Mr. Harrow¹ to the Fort, only, than the account which he sends himself of the matter to Mr. Grant.² I would observe to you that I have parties of Sawyers, parties of Axe-men, cutting Picketts, Parties cutting Hay, the Corvées as they arrive to transport Provision in small quantities to send at a time for each of these Parties, their safety to watch over, as well as their humours, and besides the danger of some one lurking Villian destroying what we have done on the Island. Rebel Belts & strings are brought in every week by the Indians who still cannot prevent some bad ones from doing mischief. However at the time when Mr. Harrow displayed his insolence, I had the Sacks and Renards Indians here, who I then told were not to receive goods this year in their Country as they had allowed themselves to be debauched by the Rebels & that they could not murmur as they could not deny it, They being the only Western Indians in their interest. I also told them how short sighted they were not to observe that as they had mines in their Country, it was the Interest of the Rebels to pay them more attention than to the others — tho not more friendship for they meant them less. To return to Mr. Harrow — He is told to remain here untill General Haldimand's Pleasure is known, & his report in the Enclosed letter with the ordinary additional circumstances which agravate, & not necessary to trouble you with, is near the truth.

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

PATRICK SINCLAIR,

Michilimackinac 3rd Aug^t 1780.

L^t Gov^r.

¹ Lieut. Alexander Harrow, commanding H. M. sloop "Welcome," was placed under arrest in the fort at Michilimackinac, by Sinclair's orders, for alleged insolence and disobedience. The correspondence relating to this affair is in *Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix., pp. 598-607. Sinclair was tenacious of his official prerogative, and seems to have continually had one or more personal quarrels on his hands, while at Michilimackinac. — ED.

² Capt. Alexander Grant, of the first battalion, 42nd (or Royal Highland) foot. For Harrow's letter to Sinclair, dated July 31, 1780, see *Id.*, p. 601. — ED.