

You will find the captive Artificers very useful at present, my letter of this Date will authorize you to Employ them.

After the removal of the two interested or disaffected Traders, I hope you will find the management of the Indians less troublesome & more satisfactory. I hope no accident will happen to Wabasha, His and the conduct of his nation merit Distinction.

Your intention of discriminating I am persuaded will have a good effect, & I hope the operations of the ensuing campaign will discover it.

I approve much of your having engaged the three men as couriers between your Post & Niagara—it will open an expeditious communication Between those Posts & this part of Canada when the men are not out you can employ them otherwise.

I am, Sir, &c &c.

(Signed) FRED: HALDIMAND.

Lieut. Govr. Sinclair.

CAPT. MOMPESSON¹ TO DE PEYSTER.

In my last to you, I acquainted you how much Provisions remained in store here, since that I hope we will be able to get a quantity of Indian corn, a great part of which is arrived, and the Traders are going to Arbicrook² to trade for more, besides what I hope will be procured at Saguina by Traders.

The Milwaky Indians have not brought in any, neither can a trader be allowed to go amongst them, as they are at present not behaving in a proper manner.

The Sacks & Renards have taken up the Hatchet against us.

Indorsed: "Extract of a letter from Capt. Mompesson dated at Michilimackinac Sept. 20th 1780."

¹ Capt. John Mompesson, of the 8th foot. Mompesson was commander of the troops at Michilimackinac. Between him and Sinclair there arose a quarrel, the result of a conflict of authority. At the time this letter was written, Sinclair was seriously ill and Mompesson had temporarily assumed entire control of the affairs of the post. For correspondence relative to this dispute, see *Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix., pp. 575, 589-592, 610-614, 632, 633. It was finally decided that Sinclair outranked Mompesson.—ED.

² L'Arbre Croche.—ED.