

SINCLAIR TO GENERAL POWELL.¹MICHILIMAKINAC 5th June 1781.

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The Indians to the Westward gave such protection to their Traders, as deterred the Illinois Pillagers from an enterprise similar to that undertaken against St. Joseph's.² They desire to know from me why they are withheld from checking the maroders [marauders] from that Quarter, as they have withheld no proof of their good disposition towards the English, having on His Majesty's Birthday delivered up their French medals.

I have the honor to be &c &c.

To Genl Powell.

MICHILIMAKINAC 16th June 1781.

SIR,—The Sacks and Rhenards from the Banks of the Mississippi, with the Menominé Indians, are arrived and more expected daily from their Tribes bordering on the Illinois Country, who have sent to inform me, they do not mean any longer to listen to the tales imposed upon them by the enemy.

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I have the honor to be Sir &c

PAT^r SINCLAIR,

L^t Gov^r.

To General Powell.

Indorsed: "Extracts of Letters from L^t Gov^r Sinclair to Brigadier General Powell"

¹ Henry Watson Powell, serving as lieutenant colonel of the 53rd foot. At the time of this correspondence he was general by brevet, his rank in the army being colonel. He was commissioned major general, May 20, 1782.—ED.

² Referring to the capture of St. Joseph by the Americans and Spaniards, in January, 1781. Cf. Sparks's *Dipl. Corres.*, viii., pp. 76-78; *Mag. Amer. Hist.*, xv., pp. 457-469, and Winsor's *America*, vi., p. 743.—ED.