

LANGLADE TO CAPTAIN ROBERTSON.¹

[Translated from the French by Grace Clark.]

LA BEY march 5 1783.

GOVERNOR,—These presents are to assure you of my most humble respect, and to inform you that according to what some Puants report when the Traders crossed the portage of the ouisconsin, Their nation wanted to Plunder them that in the confusion there was a Puant called Boeuf blanc killed and that to be revenged They took from Sieur Reilh² the Worth of five or six pieces of money in Drink and in other things, and as they were still drunk when Monsieur Blondeau passed he was obliged to give them also a great deal of Spoil in order to save his life, There were forty Sauteux men women and children that ate one another so long had they Fasted in the Bey des nôtques;³ Caron Chief of the folles-avoines died the third of November,⁴ and a man named Marcotte a Trader was killed, we don't know whether by the Sauteux or the Sioux, but his three men were saved, although two were wounded.

I hope to have soon the honor to go and offer you my most humble Respect, and if you have Need of my service command me whenever you please, you will find me always ready to receive your orders, For I am always with the greatest Respect, Governor, the faithful Servant of the King

LANGLADE,

Captain of the Indian department.

Addressed: "To Captain Robinçon, Governor of Machilimakinac, at Machilimakinac."

Indorsed: "1783 Letter from Captain Langlade to Capt. Robertson La Baye 5th March."

¹ Daniel Robertson, of the 84th foot, captain commanding Michilimackinac and dependencies, 1782 to May 10, 1787. He succeeded Sinclair in the charge of the post. Robertson is said to have been killed by falling down a precipice 128 feet deep, at the southeastern corner of the island,—now called "Robertson's Folly." See Kelton's *Annals of Fort Mackinac* (ed. 1887), pp. 67-70.—ED.

² Antoine Reilhe, of Two Rivers, one of the proprietors of the general store at Michilimackinac.—ED.

³ Bay de Noque, Delta county, Mich.—ED.

⁴ Cf. *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, i., p. 58; iii., p. 266.—ED.