

ROBERTSON TO CAPTAIN MATHEWS.<sup>1</sup>

MICHILIMAKINAC 20th April 1783.

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Mr. McBeath<sup>2</sup> sets out this week for La Prairie de Chiens with Mr. Langlade Jun<sup>r</sup><sup>3</sup> in order to dissuade the Western Indians, who assemble there from coming this length.

I have the honor to be with regard, Sir,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> & most hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

DAN<sup>n</sup> ROBERTSON,

Capt<sup>n</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>.

*Capt. Mathews.*

Indorsed: "From Capt<sup>n</sup> Robertson commanding at Michilimakinac, of the 20<sup>th</sup> April."

ROBERTSON TO M<sup>r</sup> BEATH.MICHILIMAKINAC 26<sup>th</sup> April 1783.

SIR,—You are to proceed from hence to La Prairie de Chiens, the Rendezvous of the Western Indians, or to where you may meet them, and on your way thither you are to induce every nation or Band of Indians, to the Interests of His Majesty's Peace and Harmony among themselves, & in a particular manner recommend Hunting to them, and to keep at their Homes till called for.

You are to smoke the Pipe of Peace with them, in the name of all their Fathers to the above purport, and give them as from me a proportion of what presents you have for that purpose.

You are to inform them that the Great Men are now busy in making Peace with each other, and that they as good Subjects ought to follow the Example among themselves, untill told the contrary by their Fathers.

The above, and everything [of] use for the Publick good,

<sup>1</sup> Capt. Robert Mathews, of the 8th foot, secretary to Haldimand.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> George McBeath, a trader.—ED.

<sup>3</sup> Charles de Langlade, Jr. See *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, vii., p. 182.—ED.