

ROBERTSON TO MATHEWS.

MICHILIMACKINAC 27th June 1783.

SIR,—It was with much concern that I heard from Montreal, through Mr. Ellice,¹ that my Bill, on His Excellency the Commander in Chief were not paid, if really so it cannot be helped, I have acted in the Principalls of Honor for the good of the Service, and the accounts may undergo any scrutiny.

The sending Mr. McBeath to La Prairie de Chien is the only act I did of my self and even that I had partly, in my Instructions from Col. Hope,² this has been the means of keeping about twelve hundred Indians from this Post, less than last year, not a small saving to Government in Provisions, &c.

I received four Canoes of Indian Presents from Montreal, very apropos and if it is meant to keep possession of any part in the Upper Country—Four or Six more would be necessary this Fall.

I have the honor to be with esteem, Sir, Your most obed^t & most hum^l serv^t

DAN^s ROBERTSON
Captⁿ 84th Reg^t.

Capt. Mathews.

M^rBEATH TO ROBERTSON.MICHILIMAKINAC 14th July 1783.*Captain Robertson.*

SIR,—The situation of my affairs at present obliges me to lay my case before you, hoping you will be so good as to represent it to His Excellency the Commander in Chieff, who was pleased to authorize me in May 1782 to furnish what things might be wanting for the use of the Post & for carrying on the King's works here, which I have done to the utmost of my power, complying according to His Excel-

¹ Ellice & Coy were forwarding agents and brokers, at Montreal.—ED.

² Henry Hope, lieut. colonel of the 44th foot.—ED.