

dupped [duped] in [into] drawing Lieut. Governor Sinclair's last Bills and [is] of course a great sufferer.

My sending Mr. McBeath to La Prairie du Chien may appear extravagant but it is almost certain that it prevented, at least a Thousand Indians coming here & those fled here & on their way home. I reckon two Bushels Corn with some Grease, a little Bread & Pork, on an average to each with Rum and other Presents would far exceed the present expense. Mr. McBeath left this the end of April long before I had received any goods, and I had nothing in store but a few pieces of Blue Strouds & some white Shirts. Colonel Hope was of the same opinion as myself as to sending out to prevent Indians coming in, which induced me to adopt it.

I have the honor to be with great regard Sir, Your most obed^t & hum^t Servant

DAN^t ROBERTSON.

Captain Mathews.

CARLETON TO DE PEYSTER.¹

MONTREAL, June 25th, 1776.

SIR,—I received yesterday your letter of the 13th inst. The rebels are driven out of this province, and I am preparing to return their visit. You may stop² the Indians from coming down here, at least for the present; provided you can do it without giving them offence.³

Your obedient servant,

GUY CARLETON.

Capt. De Peyster.

¹ This and the succeeding letters and documents were received from Ottawa in April, 1888,—too late for chronological arrangement with the preceding papers, which had gone to press.—ED.

² This letter is also published in De Peyster's *Miscellanies*, p. 233, with the following foot-note by the recipient: "This was done through great exertion, although at the risk of the Captain's [De Peyster's] life."—ED.

³ Among these were Indians from what is now Wisconsin, desirous of going down to Montreal to have a war-talk with Carleton and beg for presents. See *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, vii, p. 405.—ED.