

would supply the troops at Prairie des Chiens cheaper than anybody else, perhaps at 35 [cents], perhaps at 30, per ration, which is the same price as is allowed for the ration at Fort Madison. This gentleman is as able to furnish as any man in the country, as he is a merchant of extensive business, and has most of the people in his debt. At any rate I am convinced that I can procure the rations to be furnished at Prairie des Chiens as cheap as it (*sic*) is now furnished at Fort Madison. I have the honor to be sir, with esteem,

Your ob^t serv^t,

Washington City, Feby. 2^a, 1811.

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executive ability and was one of the most influential and energetic men in the Mississippi valley fur trade, amassed great wealth, for those times; in 1801 he built at Kaskaskia a stone residence and furnished it on a scale of luxury which for a long time quite outrivaled anything of the kind in the Illinois country. He died in April, 1837, and was buried at Kaskaskia. His brothers, Robert and James Morrison, followed him to Kaskaskia in 1798 and became prominent citizens there. Both William and James were army contractors. From June 1, 1815 to May 31, 1816, inclusive, James had a contract with the war department for the delivery of army supplies within the Illinois, Missouri and Indiana Territories, at rates varying from 17 to 36 cents per ration. — Ed.