

despatched two boats under Capt. Grignon with one officer and 26 men to go in pursuit of her and observe her motions. They fell in with her the day after leaving this, but having only small arms could do her no injury. Capt. Grignon summoned her to surrender to no purpose; he, however, followed her up till within a league of the rapids, when they met another of the enemy's gunboats, tho' smaller, arranged in the same manner as the Governor Clark. The wind favouring her she made after our boats, but could not overtake them. She in a short time threw her anchor and Capt. Grignon very improperly made the best of his way here, since when I have had no news from there, notwithstanding I have despatched canoes almost daily ever since. On the nineteenth, finding there was only six rounds round shot remaining, including three of the enemy's we had picked up, the day was employed in making lead bullets for the gun and throwing up two breastworks, one within 700 yards and the other within 450 yards of the fort. At six in the evening, everything being prepared, I marched to the first breastwork, from whence I intended to throw in the remaining six rounds iron ball red hot into the fort in order to set it on fire, the only apparent recourse. At the moment the first ball was about being put into the cannon a white flag was put out at the fort and immediately an officer came down with a note and surrendered. It being now too late, I deferred making them deliver up their arms in form till morning, but immediately placed a strong guard in the fort and took possession of the artillery. From the time of our landing till they surrendered the Indians kept up a constant but perfectly useless fire upon the fort; the distance from where they fired was too great to do execution even had the enemy been exposed to view.

I am happy to inform you that notwithstanding every man in the Michigan Fencibles, Canadian Volunteers and officers in the Indian Department behaved as well as I could possibly wish and tho' in the midst of a hot fire not a man was even wounded except three Indians, that is one Puant, one Follavoine and one Sioux, all severely but not dangerously. I beg you will excuse my not having it in my power