

DICKSON AND GRIGNON PAPERS — 1812-1815.

The following letters are selections from a large number of early documents secured by the editor, while in Green Bay, Fort Howard and Kaukauna, during the summer of 1887. They throw much light on the history of what is now Wisconsin, during the war of 1812-15, and supplement the Lawe and Grignon papers published in Vol. X., *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, pp. 94-121. The letters of Robert Dickson were found in the papers left by John Lawe, of Green Bay, the bulk of which were presented to the Society by James M. Boyd, of Kaukauna, Judge Lawe's son-in-law and the executor of his estate. The letters by Louis Grignon are taken from his letter-book, kept in French, and presented to the Society by Charles de Langlade Grignon, of Green Bay, Louis's grandson.

COLONEL DICKSON¹ TO JACOB FRANKS.²

MICHIGAN Oct. 2^d 1812.

DEAR SIR,—My last respects were by the folsavoines³ to you sinse which I have been still detained here waiting for the goods which after many delays are at last arrived & I have with much difficulty obtained a tolerable Assortment. You will of course take the Articles you require for your part of the Country & be guided by appearances. It will be necessary for Mr. [John] Lawe to make use of all dilligense to get to the Prairie [du Chien] as the season is much advanced, he will give you all the News. I was glad he came in here as it is of the greatest consequence the River

¹ Col. Robert Dickson had long been a trader at Prairie du Chien.—(*Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x., p. 213.) During the war of 1812-15, he was engaged as Indian agent for the British, for the Western district.—ED.

² An early Green Bay trader, uncle of John Lawe. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vii., p. 247, note 2; iii., p. 250.—ED.

³ Menomonees.—ED.