

St. Peters should be well supplied. I am in expectation of hearing from the Commandant something respecting your flour it is rather singular the manner he has acted with you. There have come up five Canoes of presents for the Indians. We have done everything in our power to send them out, among the Indians but I am afraid we shall not succeed. I expect to leave this in a few days & shall go down as fast as I can to Montreal. I am fully determined to come to a final Settlement with the people in Montreal. Wilmot left this on the 18<sup>th</sup> of last month. I trust I shall be able to make a favorable arrangement & throw off the Shackles that have so long fettered us it is high time. We have no chance of doing any thing in the Country in the way we have been, this some time past. We are as yet quite in the dark respecting Politics, nor can any one form an opinion respecting the duration of the War. I shall from Montreal write you & if any thing of consequence has then transpired I shall have letters sent you by Express from Detroit. With best wishes for your health and that of your Family I remain

Dear Franks, Yours truly,

R. DICKSON.

*Mr. J. Francks.*

Indorsed: "Mr. Jacob Franks, La Baye, Oct. 1812."

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DICKSON TO FRANKS.

MICHILIMACKINAC, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1812.

DEAR SIR,—I have been detained here since Mr. Lawe left this, owing to the King's Vessel having run aground at the [MS. obscure] — but she is now free and will get off this evening. And this time I trust that we will get at last to La Baye as the season is fine. We will still be in good time. No News by the Vessels. A Canoe from Montreal arrived here on the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. I received a letter from Mr. Pothier<sup>1</sup> who informs me of Mr. Gillespies Arrival there. An Attack on the lines was expected in the beginning of this month the Canadians are all hearty in the Cause. Regu-

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<sup>1</sup> Agent of the Northwest Fur company.— ED.