

GRIGNON TO CAPTAIN ASKIN.¹

[Translated from the French by James D. Butler.]

BAY, 10 January, 1814.

SIR,—

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I have had the honor and pleasure to receive your letter of the 4th inst. which informed us of the disaster and sad situation of the army of Gen. Proctor. A young Menomonee taken prisoner in the same engagement was released after 24 days imprisonment. According to letters he carried and which we intercepted, the intention of the enemy was to come and attack Mackinaw last autumn. Lack of provisions had stopped them. But in the early spring they would come. To permit of the prisoner of whom I have spoken is "By order of Gen. Cass." I suppose he commands at Detroit. He had obtained his release on condition that he would return and bring an answer to the letter.

On the side of the Mississippi, according to the news which Sacs & Foxes who come from Ft. Madison bring is that a Capt. of Gov. Howard was to come to Prairie du Chien with an army of 2700 men. Many think this is not their plan, for soon after we learned that they had gone up the river Des Moines and built a Ft at Pees and then that they had come down the same river.

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Sir, Your very Obedient Servant,

LOUIS GRIGNON.

Mr. John Askin, McKinac.

DICKSON TO LAWE.

LAC PUANTS, Jan^y 13 1814.

DEAR SIR,—I got here in One day from La Baye with ease,—I send you by Jean Veau 1 Bale Tobacco some Tea & Three dress'd Skins for a p^r Capotes for me. No news here. Take care of yourself beware of getting cold continue drinking the Spruce but not too much of it. I forgot the

¹ Capt. John Askin. of the British Indian department, at Michilimackinac.—ED.