

having been pestered with the Indians from Millwacke a parcel of vagabonds — some of them have been twice here & once at La Baye. Give them not an awl in future. Thomas informs me that Michelle Boyer was at La Baye, he is a rascal he was better served than any Indian that came here.

I send Three men to bring up wheat & a Mill for Ten days if to be procured; we are absolutely without provisions. I have wrote Mr. Grignon to request him to lend me a few Bushells pease & I will return him Corn, this I hope he will do as he must have a few Bushells on hand.

Send two Sleighs. Mr. Powell will return, he takes down a keg of sugar & a little paper for you.

Mr. Powell has seen the state of my Larder. What a prise for Beef. Necessity has no Law, I will write you fully by another occasion. I send off the Sauk to-morrow. If you cannot get a Sleigh by fair means press one for the King, horse & owner. I thank you for the fish try & get me some more. Send me Twenty Five Bushells Wheat, Mill or no Mill we will pound it. Comp to all friends — it is difficult to know who are so at present. Keep taking the pills, drinking spruce.

Wishing you health, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

R. DICKSON.

Lt. Lawe.

DICKSON TO LAWE.

WINEBAGOE LAKE Feb'y 4, 1814.

DEAR SIR,—I must begin by telling you my wants which are many. I am now entirely destitute of provisions. Since Mr. Powell left me upwards of forty Sauks came here, having eat nothing for Two days, & had not Askin taken up his Cache & given them foll avoins they must have perished, they are gone off well pleased and proud immediately to find their countrymen in the Missouri. I shall now give you a detail of other matters which I have learned by letters & papers which the Two prisoners Demonchell & Ribeau came with to the Prairie du Chien. They were prevailed on by Boilvin¹ to carry dispatches first to Peoria &

¹ Nicholas Boilvin, American Indian agent at Prairie du Chien.— Ed.