

I intend leaving this, as soon as the ice gives way, which will be five or six days at most — & proceeding to the Portage to meet the provisions there — & from thence I shall go in a light Canoe to the Prairie & immediately return from thence, in this way I shall lose no time. I could have wished to have seen you before I leave this but the Country being covered with Water would in your present situation be injurious to your health. I have asked Mr. Grignon & Mr. Pullman to come up, & by them I shall write you what is to be done.

I trust the Mill is going. I shall ask you for no more provisions as I am convinced your stock is nearly expended, but I must keep my word in sending what I promised to Mackinac. If the people who desired me to send flour to be return'd have it ready all is well, but there is so much shuffling among them I do not know who to trust. Write me by Mr. Pulman your Opinion of this matter.

Get all the Wheat you have ground. I will return you what you want for Mr. Franks family. The flour must go to Mackinac the first boats — happen what will. I hope that your Cattle are at La Prille. I have had an offer from Mr. P. Grignon of a Barrel of Pork the fat of a Cow & 2 bags flour for Goods to be sent after the fair[?]. I will eat Bull frogs before I buy any more bad Beef at 30¢ and I will starve or plunder rather than be imposed on in the price of Provisions. In asking exhorbitant prices for Provisions for the use of Government, people are not aware of what they are doing, but they will learn something about that matter.

Send me a bag of large Shott. I will send you Duck which is the only kind we have. I have a bag of Wheat at the Kakalin. We kill Ducks in great abundance & can live if it pleases God without 30¢ Bone.

Morneau is a fine specimen of La Baye, he is without exception the most lazy mortal I ever met. I take three Boats to the Portage & two go to La Baye. I will send you directions by Mr. Pulman how they are to go from there.

The more I reflect on the News we have received the more important I find them, the consequence to the World is beyond all Calculation. Never since the formation of the