

You will find a strange charge of a barrel of powder which I have borrowed with the idea that it could be returned with that which the Superintendent would bring, but the thing was not so easy to do. I have conceived that the intention of your orders admitted it might be included in the account of Provisions & I flatter myself that there will be no difficulty about it in paying the contractor.

I continue, Colonel, to be at your orders. I have been greatly honored by those which I have received, & if I have not filled them with sagacity according to your ideas, I have desired to do so. I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obed^t serv^t,

L. GRIGNON.

DICKSON TO LAWE.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN Feb^y 21 1815.

DEAR SIR,—I received your letters by La Rose—and I was not surprised at the distressed State of the Country, but I am truly astonished at the behaviour of the Messrs Grignon in withholding the Wheat they had promised to the Government. Captns Bulger and Anderson go to La Baye to sett these Matters to rights, to meet the express from Mackinac, & to procuring Gunpowder—Send me such as you can spare of that Article as you will soon have a Supply from Mackinac.

If you have any remaining of Mr. Franks you will of course sell it to the Gov^t.

Send me also half of Your Tobacco. We are in want of every thing here. If you have or can procure Two Gallons Spirits—Pulman joins me in this request—Anderson will give you all the News & will also inform you respecting your Accounts against Government so that you may get paid at least for your wheat immediately. I wrote yesterday to Mr. Aird & told him that you was well. Sell the Horse as well as you can,—you know I am in want of Cash.

I can not say any thing respecting the probable movements of the Enemy in the Spring as we have yet no certain information. Our Situation is rather critical untill we get a