

have killed 8 Americans, and also that the Americans have taken 100 Indians Prisoners.

Mr. Lasaliere has not yet given us any news more than what I have mentioned.

I have the honor to be

Your very humble servant,

L. GRIGNON.

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GRIGNON TO ASKIN.

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

LA BAYE VERTE, 23 March 1815.

*Capt. John Askin, of the Ind. Dept., McKinac.*

SIR,— On the 20<sup>th</sup> instant I had the honor of yours dated on the 7<sup>th</sup> in which you inform me of the wishes of the commandant, in addition to the orders which I have received from him dated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1815.

The Indians at present are far off and scattered in quest of good fish, however I have spared neither presents nor indeed pains in endeavors to execute orders according to the ideas of the commandant and of yourself as given to me.

I would not wish to trouble the commandant with a letter but beg you to have the goodness to pay him my humble respects and the assurance of every exertion on my part in conformity with his orders.

Capt. Bulger, our commandant, left yesterday with Capt. Anderson of the Ind. Dept. L<sup>t</sup> Lawe and I went to escort him as far as the Du Peres rapids.

He was obliged to make all persons sell him a hundredth part of the grain in their possession in his attempt to make out supplies for Indians on their passage to Mackinaw. This place is destitute of provisions. Many of the inhabitants, as I believe, will not be able to sow their fields for lack of seed grain, and as I think no body is in a condition to aid them in this matter. I beg you to excuse my writing and my bad style. My respects, etc., for your Lady and her daughter.

Begging you to accept my wishes for your health,

I am, Sir, your very Obedient Servant,

L. GRIGNON.