

N. B. As to private affairs, I am very sorry that I have failed [to receive] supplies, during the two past years, for I assure you that the bit of merchandise I have held in reserve these three years is worth its cost and interest. This year I purpose to go to Montreal, if I possibly can, and the journey be practicable.

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DICKSON TO LAWE.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN April 10<sup>th</sup> 1815.

DEAR SIR,—I received your letter by the Express. This goes by Thomas whom you will take care of. I expect to be with you on the 2<sup>d</sup> of May. I would long ago have wrote you fully but for obvious reasons have deferred it untill I see you — all I say is I have been treated by the Agents of government with the vastest ingratitude but a short time will put all to rights, they will find my loss when I am gone. I will never serve under Col. McDouall he has put that out of my power but the day of retribution is at hand & if common justice is done me he must go to the wall. he is a weak vain & foolish man. I wish that I had no worse to say of him, but I shall endeavor to prove him what he really is. peace is at hand. I have received glorious news for myself. I shall leave this country without regret but for the poor people of the department whom I esteem & love. you will hear of the fatal Accident that befell poor La Rose, I regret him as a Brother lost. I warn'd him of little Canoes; he was drown'd with his brother in Law on the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst.

Duncan Graham is going down to the Sauks; was there not favorable appearances to the termination of his drudgery he would throw up instantly.

All confidence is lost here. It will require able people at the helm; they must keep a good lookout else the Ship is in danger.

I am, Sir, with sentiments of much regard,

Yours truly,

R. DICKSON.

N. B. Our Friend Anderson has this winter acquired never fading Laurels in the school of deceit perfidy & All