

BULGER TO LAWE.

*Private & Confidential.*

FORT MCKAY, Apl 1815.

MY DEAR SIR,— As Mr. Dickson may most likely be at the Bay before you leave it for Mackinac, I must give you one piece of advice, which I trust you will attend to.

I gave you power when I was at the Bay to purchase any indispensable article which you might require for the public service, but this must not *on any account*, be construed into a permission to purchase any thing which Mr. Dickson may order. To avoid any future difficulty which may arise in the payment of accounts contracted by his order, I wish you, on the receipt hereof, to provide what you think you'll want, and by no means to make any purchases after Mr. D. joins you. It is solely for your sake that I give you this notice, as my name must not be shown for any thing Mr. Dickson may choose to purchase.

Mr. D. will be at La Baye about the last of this month. I expect Mr. Grignon every moment with the powder, he shall remain here one day to rest himself, the next day he goes off with Barte the interp<sup>r</sup> to take the Winebagoes to you. If the Indians are ready you must not wait for Mr. Dickson, 150 will be sufficient in all to take in.

We have lost poor Larose, who was unfortunately drowned 2 days after I arrived crossing the river. I am really sorry for him as his place cannot be filled, his loss is indeed irreparable. You will be badly off for an interpreter & had better take his brother Alexis in with you. Tell Mr. Grignon that Mr. Dickson will be able to arrange the accounts he has against him when he gets to the Bay.

Maynard arrived here this day from the Rock river, he says the socks [Sauks] have taken a prisoner on the Missouri, (Blondeau's nephew), & killed one, (an American) which makes the ninth they have killed lately. I expect the young man here every day.

Reports from below say the Spaniards are certainly coming to St Louis by way of the Missouri and that they are cussedly afraid at St. Louis, they also say the Spaniards are