am honor'd with His Excellency Colonel Simcoe's Commands on that head.

The Situation of this unhappy man, who unfortunately has a family is truly deplorable & however justly merited his sufferings are, one Cannot avoid feeling for that of his family.

Captain Lamothe has transmitted to you a requisition of Indian presents for the ensuing year approved and signed by me, I beg leave to submit to you the necessity of their being forwarded in the most expeditious manner, having reason to believe that Indians beyond the Mississippi, propose visiting this Post early next spring for the purpose of concluding a peace with the Ottawas & Chippawa's, which will be a desirable object to attain, I must also mention there is not in Store more than fifty pounds of Tobacco, which will be Constantly diminishing when the Ottawas receive their usual presents, a small Bale of that necessary Article might be sent by a Merchts Canoe at a trifling expense.

I have no reason to be dissatisfied with the Conduct of the Indians since I have had the honor to Command. Any difficulties which have arisen between them and the Traders, I have observed the latter were generally the aggressors; I beg you'll accept my best thanks, for your obliging Communications from time to time and am with great regard.

Your most obedient and very humble servant WILLIAM DOYLE Capt 24 Regt

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## GENERAL WILKINSON 1 TO ENGLAND.

Head Quarters Greenville May 27th 1796 Sir,—Permit me to offer you my hearty congratulations, on the final ratification of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> James Wilkinson, American general-in-chief (1796–1798).-- ED.