

— TO MAJOR BASSETT.<sup>1</sup>

NEW YORK April 30<sup>th</sup> 1774.

SIR,—Having Judged it Expedient for His Majesty's Service to send Mr. John Hay<sup>2</sup> to the Illinois, on a particular Service, you will be pleased to give him all the assistance in your Power towards promoting the success of his undertaking.

I herewith send you two Proclamations one in English and the other in French which with the extract of the King's Proclamation relative thereto you will order to be made as publick as the nature of them will admit, causing copies of them to be affixed in the most publick places and taking proper measures to convince the Indians of His Majesty's Gracious attention to their Interest and their future Peace.

You will observe to oppose any encroachments on purchases contrary to the meaning & intent of the Royal Proclamation, by such measures as will to you appear most consistent.

I am with great regard Sir &ca.

*To Major Bassett 10th Regiment or Officer Commanding at Detroit.*

— TO LIEUT. COL. CALDWELL.<sup>3</sup>

OFF POINT AU FER<sup>4</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Octr, 1776.

SIR,—Mr. Langlade<sup>5</sup> being on his return to Michillimackinac to pass by your post I recommended him to your notice as [a] man I have had reason to be very much satisfied

<sup>1</sup> Major Henry Bassett (or Bossett), 10th regiment of foot. This letter is without signature.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> Ensign John Hay, 4th (King's Own) regiment, of foot, commissary at Detroit.—ED.

<sup>3</sup> Lieutenant Colonel John Caldwell, 8th (The King's) regiment of foot. This letter has no signature.—ED.

<sup>4</sup> On Lake Champlain.—ED.

<sup>5</sup> Charles Michel de Langlade, of Green Bay, in the employ of the English as Indian agent. *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, vii., pp. 123-187, 405-408; viii., pp. 209-223. For other references to him in the Canadian archives, consult index to *Id.*, xi.—ED.