

Indians resorted to Michilimackinac that year, whose friendship it was my instructions to cultivate, The Expence of which gave me great uneasiness of mind, & the extraordinary trouble I took proved equally grievous to the body, having almost exhausted myself with fatigue, in order to see the Indians pleased, by delivering them every article in my presence, whereby I saved Government some thousands, which would otherwise have been expended without giving satisfaction in the critical juncture affairs then stood.

I am sorry to say Sir, that the Indians are now come to such a pitch, as to make their own demands, and that the refusal of a trifle, if not done with caution, may turn a whole war party. I lately had an instance of this kind, by being obliged to refuse a keg of rum, we had not to give.

I have the honour to be with great respect Sir, your Excellency's most humbl & obedt servant

AT. S. DE PEYSTER

*To His Excellency the commr in Chief.*

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JOSEPH CALVÉ<sup>1</sup> TO HALDIMAND.

MICHILIMACKINAC The 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1780

*To M. Frederick Haldimand Governor General & Commander in Chief of North America &c. &c. &c.*

SIR,—Pardon the liberty I take in addressing the present to you, which is only caused by the reception which the Sacqs, Renards, & the Aimaiois [Menomonees] as well as myself had from Lieut Governor Sinclair,<sup>2</sup> Commander of Michilimakinac, on the return of our campaign, which surprised me extremely as I had no reason to expect it. After all the pains and trouble I have taken to maintain the na-

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<sup>1</sup> Calvé was a trader, and in British employ as a military agent among the Sacs and Foxes. *Ibid.*, p. 108, note 2.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> Patrick Sinclair, lieutenant governor of Mackinaw. For biographical sketch, see *Ibid.*, p. 141, note.—ED.