

tions in the true intentions of Government & to manage, in all things the interest of His Majesty, I cannot then penetrate what are the causes of this sad return unless I may judge that it is from false reports made by the Commandants & Interpreters of this district. In consequence I have thought it my duty to prove that my conduct has been irreproachable, I have applied many times to Lieut. Govr Sinclair, for this purpose, without having had the advantage of being listened to, it causes me much grief to be thus treated without reason, wherefore I pray you to be convinced of my assurance that no one can be more respectful than he who has the honor to be

Sir Your very humble & faithful subject

J. CALVÉ.

*To His Excellency Frederick Haldimand Governor General & Commander in chief of North America &c. at Quebec*

Indorsed:—"1780 From M. Calvé Indian Interpreter Michilimakinac 23d August Recd 23rd September."

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LIEUT. GOV. SINCLAIR'S REASONS.

There appears to me an improbability that the Indians bordering on the Mississippi can be entirely prevented from visiting this Post annually, notwithstanding they are forbid to come, and were they disgusted by too severe treatment, or bad reception, after their arrival, the Traders in this country would suffer, *particularly those*, who have had merit in attaching them to Government and engaging their services when they were wanted — and if Traders amongst them who can be depended upon, are totally restrained from making any presents in their wintering grounds, a communication of Intelligence with the Post and between the Traders would be interrupted entirely, & there would be no means of employing an Indian until he came first to the Post and thereby the opportunity of his service lost.

Indorsed:—"Gov. Sinclairs reasons against discouraging totally the Mississippi Indians from coming to the Post, or against refusing them Presents."