

only to pay such in future, as he will point out, at the usual rates, and that you shall think absolutely necessary to carry on the service — that all those useless officers under the denomination of Naval Department, be likewise immediately abolished, and that a stop be put to working at the Vessel on the stocks, & the people now employed on it be dismissed, as soon as the present materials collected are used, or that the Bulk of it is finished —

*Seventhly*, — that the small vessel which has been taken into the hire of Government by your Predecessor at such an Enormous rate, and contrary to the Generals regulation on this subject, should be & is, hereby directed to be paid off at the expiration of another month & be sent away to Detroit, the continuance of her in the Service for that period being allowed only on account of the assistance agree'd to be given to the Contractor for collecting his Corn to the Post on this occasion, and as she may also be of use in the exertion so necessary at present towards compleating the works, on the proposed temporary plan —

From an adherence to these Regulations, which we think highly necessary just now for the Service, and from the Zeal, with which we are convinced that you will carry them into execution, as well as every other measure that shall appear to you, conducive to that end, the most sanguine hopes may be entertained of a very material reduction so justly complained of at this Post.

We are Sir, with great regard your most obedient humble Servants.

(signed)

HENRY HOPE Lt Colonel

(signed)

JOHN JOHNSON<sup>1</sup>

(signed)

JAMES STANLEY GODDARD.

(A true Copy)

*Captain Robertson 84th Regiment Commander at Michilimackinac*

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