

Contrary to custom I have got all the neighbouring Indians to go out a Wintering, which will much ease the Post.

I have got of Mr. Calvé with much Difficulty & expense he had no wintering men or Canoes sufficient, I was even obliged to buy one to carry down his men —

Mr. McBeath had the Chief's of those very nations in Council at La Prairie de Chiens¹ & satisfied them so much that only two of their great men came in here, well pleased this last Spring, what is done by the Inspectors directions must be right.

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I have the Honor to be with every Regard,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

DANL. ROBERTSON.

Captain Mathews.

ROBERTSON TO MATTHEWS.

MICHILIMACKINAC 16th Sept. 1783.

SIR,—I have only to acquaint you for His Excellency's the Commander-in Chief's information that being informed of a Menominie's being taken Prisoner by the Chipeways of Lake Superior, I have taken the opportunity of a Mr. Blondish [Blondeau] a Trader, well known among them, to send word to them of the Peace &c., and to give back the Prisoner, and as I had nothing of consequence to give to speak upon in the *Indian Manner* I gave him a Canoe with a little Provisions & Tobacco, this man goes towards the upper parts of the Mississippi between that and the said Lake, Mr. Cadot and Matchiquies are gone to Point Chagomagon² on the same Lake, to him I only gave a Canoe with a little Provision & Tobacco, as my Store could not afford more—

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I have the Honor to be with great regard, Sir,

Your most obedt. & most humble Servant

DANL. ROBERTSON.

Captain Mathews.

¹ For report of this council, see *Id.*, xi., p. 166.— Ed.

² Chequamagon.— Ed.