

of the Sacks & Foxes may winter in the lower parts of the Mississippi, it may be necessary to employ Mr. Gautier to reside with them. It may be proper to send as early as possible strings of Wampum to the different nations, desiring them to remain quiet and informing them at the same time, that their father Sir John Johnson, being desirous to put an end to their disputes, is to send them early in the fall Belts and presents for that purpose, mentioning also such places of Rendezvous as may be thought most proper—for instance—for the Chipewas, La pointe, Fond du Lac¹ and Lac du Sable, some Ottawas, the Follisavouines and picants to accompany Mr. Ainse to prairie du Chien, there to meet the Sakies and Foxes and if possible some Sioux to be present, from thence to proceed to the River St Pierre and there hold a grand Council, deliver the paroles, the Belts and the presents. In order to save expence to the person in carrying the presents from Michilimakinac into the interior Country—each of the Traders Canoes ought to carry three or four pieces, but it will [be] necessary that one Canoe at least carry nothing but presents into the Mississippi and another into Lake Superior—The presents should be delivered in the presence of the Traders to the Indians and particular mention should be made, that all Traders being children of the same Father they have all equally right and priviledge to traffick with their Brothers the Indians, it might be proper to retain part of the presents until Spring, particularly Rum, silver-work, some Coats, hats, shirts, Flags and Medals.

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¹ Fond du Lac of Lake Superior.—Ed.