

I therefore with the more confidence, leave much to your discretion, nevertheless, again reminding you, that the posture of our affairs require that the Country should be defended with the obstinacy of despair. I have every reason to believe that a *strong* British force, joined by the Creeks, are operating against the Enemy, from Pensacola, towards the mouth of the Mississippi: the Spaniards too, were crossing the River Sabine & advancing from Sante Fè. There cannot be the smallest doubt, that early in the spring they will be most formidably re-enforced, & give the Enemy such employment to the Southward, as will render them unable to effect much on the upper Mississippi.

Certainly, never was a nation more amply provided with the means, or more heartily disposed to employ them, than we are in this just war, & the Americans, I trust, in the ensuing Campaign will have to drink deep of the cup of humiliation. For a little longer *our stations* only, will be arduous and difficult, but thereby presenting a wider field for honor & distinction, if successful.

I enclose you a map of your part of the Mississippi, very neatly copied by Captⁿ. Wardry.

The Command money allowed you is half of that of Michilimackinac, Vez 3 | 9 a day. You will however charge 5 | from the 25th Octob^r in a supplementary Pay list up to the time, when you can include it with the other Staff of the Garrison. I will on that head make the proper representations below. On the opening of navigation, & arrival of the vessels, I shall do my utmost to send you what supplies & assistance I can possibly spare, we have every reason to expect an attack at that very time. The 6 pounder & carranade, will depend on what may be sent us. By our last Express, hopes were given us, that a sloop of war would this winter be built at Penetanguishine Bay;¹ many difficultys were in the way. & I have hitherto studiously avoided the subject, fearful of raising expectations which might not be realized, & trusting that Mr. Livingstone's ar-

¹ In Ontario.—Ed.