

fish in trouble[d] waters, to generate opposition & discontent, or be in any way an impediment or hinderance to the execution of those measures, which you see fit to adopt, you will then deliver him the enclosed order to depart immediately to this Garrison. When you find it necessary to give it, it must be promptly obeyed. After the clear and explicit General order of the 21st October, transmitted in the handwriting of Major-General Baynes, Adj't. Gen'l, and the regular & fair delegation of my authority to you, as commanding on the Mississippi, there must be an entire stop to the vain pretensions of Mr. Dickson—he must awake from his dream of greatness, & be made to understand the consequence of disobedience of orders, & that whatever his powers & instructions may have originally been (at a time when we had no officer commanding on the Mississippi) they are superseded & rendered of no effect by those with which I have been recently invested.

Should Mr. Dickson depart for this place, you will appoint either Captain Deace or Capt'n Anderson to perform the duty of the Department in his absence; it will be particularly necessary that the one you appoint, should be fittest for the duty, most esteemed & held in respect by the Indians, & in fact capable of rendering the most service. It will probably be Capt'n Deace, tho' I am not much pleased with him or Capt'n Graham for their servile support of Mr. Dickson in his shameful prosecution [persecution?] of Mr. Rolette.

We have been indefatigable the whole winter in improving & strengthening our positions; we are mounting an 18 Pr. in the angle of the Fort close to the Mess Room: a new bastion nearly finished at the angle facing Fort George, for a long 9 Pr. on a circular pivot. Fort George greatly improved & in a progressive state of improvement; the Block-house to be unroofed and lowered, & the long 9. mounted on a circular pivot; the ditch still more deepened & the glacis raised to a height that will nearly cover the Fort: with immense labor, stores and magazines have been