

excavated in the hill *close to the entrance* of Fort George, & nearly finished, which are bomb proof, & will hold all our provisions & eatables, a bakery now going on, also underground tanks for 400 barrels of water, making in case we do not find a spring, & the hill itself surrounded by an abbattis of great extent. Depend upon it, that the greatest difficulty's insensibly diminish on being resolutely encountered.

Believe me,

Yours very truly

RT. McDOUALL,

Lieut. Col. Com'g.

*Captain Bulger,*

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MICHILIMACKINAC 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1815.

MY DEAR BULGER—My patience being utterly exhausted in waiting for the Express from York, I am constrained, however, much as you may [be] disappointed, to forward my dispatches without my being able to acquaint you with those events of the war, which I have reason to hope would have been of such a nature, as to have infused fresh spirits into your Garrison, & amongst your Indian Allies. No time shall be lost in acquainting you with this desirable information, as soon as it is in my power.

I have forwarded you 1233 lbs. of powder, exclusive of 100 lbs. to be left at Green Bay, & which, if you are in want of, you can order on. This supply will reach you in time for the spring operations, where as, had it gone with you, it would probably have been expended in the winter. It reduces our stock here, greatly (in consequence of our supplies issued to the Indians for the winter & what was sent to the Grand River) but I must trust to our vessels having the good fortune to arrive with an ample stock to replace it, as that article is so inestimably precious. I would recommend the utmost economy in saluting or practice. I shall do my utmost to comply with your requisition for ordnance stores, *but the Grape shot, you must contrive to make*