

every thing which we require & will be so till the arrival of the vessels. Scarcely a spade or pick-axe or any kind of tools; an equal scarcity of iron & steel: not a bit of rope on the Island: our boats all out of order, & no oakum pitch or even gum to repair them; *but when supplied with these things*, every human exertion shall be made, to forward such assistance as may be in my power, *which I trust*, will include a good supply of ammunition, presents, & reinforcement of regulars, (when if you cannot feed all your Garrison, you must send back such of the Michigans, with the boats, as you think necessary,) & probably twenty Barrels of Pork.

I have forwarded two kegs of salt to assist Mr. Rolette till the opening of the Navigation; also a small quantity of Rum for yourself, if you have any to spare, you will easily be able to distribute it, of this article I will also according to my means, send you what I can.

I hope ere long to congratulate you on your promotion. In my dispatch relative to the schooners, I did you strict justice. I think it not unlikely, that not only yourself, but even Radenhurst & Armstrong will obtain company's in consequence of that gallant exploit, which I trust you will still be able to follow up in such a manner as will be productive of still greater advantages.

I refer you to Radenhurst for all our news at this place. as the Mississippi is destined soon (if not now) to be the scene of operations on a large scale, by both British & Spaniards. Struggle hard not to relinquish the hold we now have of it, which by preserving a little longer, must lead to important results. Adieu & may success and prosperity attend you!

Believe me my Dear Bulger

very truly yours.

Rt. McDOUALL. Lt Col.

Comm'g.

Captain Bulger.

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P S. I am told there is a very clever fellow of the name