

of Blondeau,¹ among the Sauks, who has great influence with them, and who tho' employed by the Enemy might be yet reclaimed to the service of his King. If it could be adroitly managed, I would give him every encouragement & make him a Lieutenant in the Indian Department in the first instance. He formerly was with Mr Crawford, who speaks highly of his abilities.

TO THE PEOPLE OF GREEN BAY.

To the Traders and Inhabitants in the Settlement of Green Bay.

You have now an opportunity of testifying to the world whether you are sincere in your professions of loyalty and attachment to His Majesty's Government. I understand that there is still a considerable quantity of wheat, as well as ammunition, in this place, and I have heard that some of you intend to hoard up those articles, in hopes of obtaining an exorbitant price for them. This is ungenerous, ungrateful to that Government which protects you. It was this, that induced me to take a journey of 400 miles, in the depth of winter through a wilderness, and in order to ascertain the exact quantity in your possession, I have issued an order that statements thereof be given in upon oath. I shall, by that means, be enabled to judge how far this settlement is capable of assisting Government. I do not mean to distress any man, but private interest must yield to the public good: the selfish views of a few individuals must not be put in competition with the preservation of the country: The fate of which hangs upon an immediate supply of ammunition. You have it in your power to contribute to its preservation by lending that article, or by disposing of it to Government at a moderate

¹ Apparently Maurice Blondeau, the St. Louis trader, mentioned in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., p. 148; xi., p. 313; and xii., p. 154. An interpreter named Blondeau was of service to the British in operations in this region during the Revolutionary War, *Id.*, xii., pp. 61, 63, 67-69, but I can trace no connection between the two.—Ed.