

the public expenditure which you have so forcibly recommended in your instructions for my guidance. Should the account from this place, and Fort McKay, when I assumed the Command, and which obliged me to order the acting Commissary to purchase many things at an exorbitant price.¹ The inhabitants seemed determined to impose and extort their own price from Government for every article that may be wanted, in my opinion are totally undeserving of the protection afforded them. I shall defer writing more at present in expectation of hearing from you.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. BULGER, Captain.

Commanding at Green Bay and on
the Mississippi.

Lieut. Col. McDouall
Commanding at
Michilimackinac.

GREEN BAY 15th March, 1815.

SIR,—I have made arrangements for sending in the Indians, as soon as the Lake opens, messages have been sent to invite them. Mr. Lawe will take in such as may assemble when the ice breaks up and Lieut. Grignon² will remain to take in the rest. I have provided means for subsisting them as well as a temporary supply for their families. I think you may expect about 200 in the beginning of May, perhaps about the 10th. A Blacksmith must, if possible, be sent from Mackinac for the Indian Department at this place, otherwise an enormous expence will be incurred, and that without having the Indians arms properly repaired. The Blacksmith in this settlement being by no means capable of putting them in proper order. Mr. Lawe, has shown great zeal in the service of the Gov-

¹ The sentence is incomplete; the sense apparently is, "Should the account from this place, etc., appear otherwise, it should be remembered that the inhabitants seemed determined," etc.—ED.

² Louis Grignon, a lieutenant in the Indian Department.—ED.