

similar orders to give up the Guns taken at this place, a still more trying task, as you recollect they bear the inscription of "Taken at Sara[to]ga." "Taken from Lord Cornwallis, &c." What a strong temptation, this, to a breach of that faith, which in all public treaties, it is infamy to violate.

I am in hopes that you will have time to effect the complete evacuation of the Post under your command, & to join me at this place previous to my departure. The staff of your Garrison, will cease to draw pay as such, from the day it is restored to the United States. By a G. O. all allowances to the militia, & militia staff, cease on the 24th March.

The detachment of Michigan Fencibles you will bring with you to join me at this place, or at the new Post, in order that they may be discharged. You are authorized to discharge at Fort McKay or Green Bay, *such men*, of that company, who were before in the service of the United States, who may in consequence of that circumstance be averse to returning to this place. To such men you will allow a gratuity of thirty days' extra pay.

The Mississippi Volunteers, being collected from various parts it would be desirable to discharge them at the places where they entered the service, allowing each man thirty days extra pay. The officers of that corps will draw pay to the 24th of June. You will signify to them (the whole) thro' Captain Anderson, my gratitude for the uniform & excellent good conduct & the high sense which I entertain of the services which they have rendered their country.

The whole of the Western Indian Department be prepared to accompany you. The Pay Lists, Disbursements & all the accounts of that Depart't I trust, are in a clear and satisfactory state. I can have nothing to do with any, which have not been previously approved & certified by you. I doubt not, from the specimen of your past industry that the whole of *your* Public accounts and Pay Lists, will be distinguished by their usual correctness & regularity.