

Instructions for Captain Bulger.

The first object that will require your attention will be the quickest & most expeditious mode of reaching the [Mississippi] the season being so far advanced; the expediting Mr Dickson to the Saulks with the Presents, & endeavoring as much as may be in your power to promote a fair, equal, & judicious distribution of them, it being perhaps necessary at present, particularly to notice the Saulks, & to support them as much as possible, in consequence of their bravery, and good conduct, & of their being your advance guard, and stationed nearest the enemy, &c.

On your arrival at Fort McKay, you will assemble the Garrison, read your commission, & assume the command thereof. You will then direct your attention to the formation of another company of Sixty Rank & file* of which you will be appointed Captain. Mr Keating to be Lieutenant; & twenty of the company, or such other men of the Garrison as you may think best to be under his command as a corps of volunteer artillery, attached to, & forming part of the Company; the Ensign to be appointed from one of the former volunteer Company's, or from Captain Anderson's, should he have three Subalterns.

The Troops may be granted the indulgence of working at your discretion, but I would recommend a regular Parade of all your Forces, fully armed & accoutred every Sunday, & availing yourself of the opportunity to give them such lessons in drill as they may most require. Your Garrison being composed of such motley materials it will be prudent, not only to maintain good order and discipline, but to acquire their regard & esteem. Your attention to the Indians, & doing your utmost to gain their affections & cultivate a good understanding with them, will appear to you of the utmost importance, as the spirit they have lately displayed properly cherished, will prove a certain safe-guard

* 1. Captain.
1. Lieutenant.
1. Ensign.

¹ No date, but probably written by Col. McDouall on October 29, 1814, the day on which Capt. Bulger left Michilimackinac for the Upper Mississippi.—A. E. B.