

It affords me satisfaction, to be able to say, that I have left the Indians on the Mississippi above want: their situation, in comparison with former years, is comfortable; and I only perform a pleasing duty, in declaring that you are to be considered as the author of their happiness. The liberal supplies of ammunition, with which you had furnished me, have been fairly and judiciously distributed amongst them, under Captain Anderson's superintendence. Their arms, axes, etc., have been repaired; hoes and fish-spears made, and distributed in such numbers, as not only please[d], but astonished them; and all this has been done for one sixth part of the expense which heretofore attended such services.

I have brought in the detachment of the Michigan Fencibles; also twelve of the Mississippi Volunteers, who solicited a conveyance to this place. Their conduct during the voyage has been admirable; that of the Michigan Fencibles has completely effaced the recollection of their former misbehaviour. I cannot sufficiently express my approbation of the conduct of all the officers who were under my command. The cordial support which I have received from Captain Anderson, who, since Mr. Dickson's departure from the Mississippi, has conducted the duties of the Indian Department, demands my gratitude: and the uncommon merits, and good conduct of Lieutenant Keating, require that I should recommend him particularly to your notice. The Fort has been destroyed.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant

A. BULGER, Lieut.

R Newfoundland Regt late

Capt. Commanding at Fort McKay.

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