

Volunteer Artillery, and to invest the officer Commanding at Michilimackinac with the Command and Superintendence of the Indian Department at that Post, and of all British possessions on the Mississippi.

EDWARD BAYNES, M. Genl.  
and Adjutant General—  
North America.

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TO M'DOUALL.<sup>1</sup>

GREEN BAY LAKE MICHIGAN,  
14th Novemr., 1814.

SIR,—I have the satisfaction to report to you, the safe arrival [*at this place of*] all the boats under my command, after a most boisterous [*voyage*] of fourteen days. On the 9th inst. I overtook Corporal Morans [*and his party*] at Isle au Racio, where he had been detained by strong head winds, and for several days actually subsisting on the bark of the *bois tort*, his provisions having been all consumed. I was much surprised to find his boats so badly manned; and can assure you, it has proved a most fortunate circumstance that a storm obliged me to take shelter at Isle au Racio, for had I passed it unobserved by Moran, he destitute of provisions, and most wretchedly manned, in all probability never would have reached Green Bay, and the loss of the goods at this season of the year would have been irreparable. I really know not where to get provisions to take him & his party back, as this place, so far from being able to furnish a supply of wheat for the Garrison of Mackinac, as you have been lead to expect is absolutely in a state of famine. The depredations, or rather devastations of the Indians are most serious. They have actually impoverished the settlement; and nothing will, in my opinion preserve it from total ruin, but the establishment of a depôt here, from which the Indians can be supplied with

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<sup>1</sup>This letter is unfortunately incomplete, and I have written in brackets the words which I think were written on the parts torn off, which are missing.—A. E. B.