

dian Department here in Mr. Dickson's absence. In consequence of this information, and there being no militia embodied here at present, I thought it best to desire Capt. Dease might be returned for fuel and Lodging money amongst the officers of the Indian Department, until your pleasure was known thereon, and I should not do justice to that Gentleman, if I omitted stating to you my real opinion of his worth and service. I consider him as worth one half the Indian Department put together.

With respect to the other officer, Lieut. La Puche I have to remark that in answer to my enquiries on the subject, Mr. Dickson informed me that Mr. La Puche drew pay, etc. at Mackinac last summer as a Lieutenant in the Indian Department to which he acted as commissary. Another thing I consider as improper, which is Mr. La Pouche's being a Trader in the Country, and at the same time an officer in the Indian Department. On this subject Mr. Dickson informed me that his Lieuts. and other officers should be allowed to carry on their customary traffic with the Indians.

I have the honor to enclose you the result of our enquiries into the depredations committed by the Indians in the settlement of Green Bay, amounting to the enormous sum of £2,981-2-6 curry. tho' I have reason to believe from all the information I could obtain, that it is not exaggerated.

On assuming the command of this Garrison I found everything in such a confused state, as to place it totally out of my power to put the accounts for the back period into any regular form. Capt. Anderson, I am well convinced did everything for the best & merits every praise, but totally unacquainted as he was with the rules and customs of the service, his having deviated therefrom can not excite much surprise. I am only astonished how he got on so well as he did, with such difficulties as he had to encounter. On my arrival the Barrack was a mere shell & in no state to put men into it. Not one room was finished. To render them habitable, I have been obliged to employ workmen from the town in addition to such as I could procure amongst the Troops. The Guard house was entirely