

from me on public business, as well as copies of all the Garrison orders &c. which I have from time to time issued. All of which will I hope be approved of by you, if not, I beg you will point out such parts wherein I have erred.

I have enclosed a copy of the contract entered into by Captain Anderson with Mr. Rolette for wood for the Garrison, which I find will not be sufficient for the winters consumption. But I have desired the officers to draw as little as they possibly can, & am in hopes by that means to make the quantity last out the Winter. On my arrival here we found about 200 Indians, waiting for their presents, to save the Fences from being burnt by them, there being no wood within many miles of this place, I ordered a few cords to be furnished for their use. It was also necessary to expend some in keeping constant fires in the Rooms where the masons were at work, which will be charged to the Eng Dep't. I find it impossible to carry into effect the plan for raising another Company of volunteers, altho' I explained to the people that they would only be required to turn out once a week, & on the 24th, and on particular occasions when it would be necessary for the defence of this place. In consequence I have directed Capt. Anderson to include Lt. Keating in his Pay Lists.

The clothing sent to this place by Mr. Monk has been delivered out to the Michigan F. and Volunteers, the latter were quite naked, & I suppose were entitled to some kind of clothing from Gov't, if so, they cannot be charged with what they have received. There are a few of the Michigan F. that never rec'd any trowsers from Gov't with their red coats, are they to be charged with the pair given to them here? A supply of necessaries will be required for the Troops here, as a Soldiers pay will not keep him in shoes at the rate that article is sold in this place, a pair of shoes cost 6 dollars here.

Your order of the 17th act respecting the payment of the Western Indian Dep't. has not been complied with, as Mr. Dickson says it will be impossible to do it, on account of the difficulty of getting the signatures of all his officers.