seeing them, if I have ever advised them anything prejudicial to the government under which I am born.

My writing to you before the investigation takes place, may perhaps lead you to think that I am uneasy. On the contrary. I now perceive that this Robert Dickson must have prejudiced you against me, from your leaving my house without cause, which in this moment hurts me more than anything else.

In the hope that you will comply with my request.

I remain Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

JOSEPH ROLETTE

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Captain Bulger.
Commanding
Fort McKay.

## TO ROLETTE.

FORT McKAY, 2nd January, 1815.

SIR,—In a matter of such serious moment as to involve the character or life of any individual I never shall be found wanting in the sincere and ardent wish to render every justice, most certainly not in your case from former acquaintance, and the regard I have for your brother.

I do not mean to commit the decision of such an important affair to anyone. I intend presiding at the investigation myself, and you may rely on it that strict justice shall be done you.

When the charge was first made known to me this morning, prior to the parade, I certainly felt astonished. But the duty I owe my Sovereign, acting here as his Representative, rendered it totally impossible for me to avoid noticing it, had the person accused even been my own Brother.

No person has power to prejudice me against any one—that is a thing I never would allow—you are wrong therefore in attributing my not going to your house to any man's instigation, clear yourself of the charge made against you