

ROLETTE'S ANSWER.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, 3^d Jan., 1815.

SIR,—I have received the charge against me by Robert Dickson which I hope will prove false on examination. This is to request of having the liberty of bringing forward on my behalf the most respectable inhabitants of this place to destroy the infamous charge by having advised them to the contrary of what I am accused of.

As I have at all times of the day business at the Farm to draw flour or other articles, I have to request the permission to go at leisure when called by business. Be assured that I look upon myself too innocent of the charge to stay away or wish to avoid examination. The only regret I have is that the period appointed is rather distant.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH ROLETTE.

P. S.—Is it contrary to law to ask for the names of the Evidence that are to appear against me, as I might be able to destroy their testimony.

Your &c

J. ROLETTE.

Capt. A. H. Bulger,
Commanding,
Fort McKay.

A COURT-MARTIAL CALLED.

A Proclamation.

Whereas an accusation has been exhibited by Robert Dickson, Esq., Agent and Superintendent of the Western Nations, on the part of our Sovereign Lord The King, against Joseph Rolette, native of Quebec, in the words and manner following:

"I charge Joseph Rolette, native of Quebec and now residing at the Prairie des Chien, with seditious words and discourse tending to excite insurrection against His