

of which is enclosed. They brought and laid at my feet the American flags & medals they were possessed of, and in the most solemn & public manner, entered into a treaty with us. In the name of their whole Band, they renounced all intercourse with the Americans & promised fidelity to the English. Thus has this affair, which, at one time, threatened to involve us in war with the Gens de la Feuille Tiré, terminated with advantage on our side, and I have hopes that it will be the means of insuring tranquility to this place for the future. Nothing but a strong conviction of the necessity of making an immediate example, could have induced me to order the Sentence of the Court to be carried into effect without first communicating it to you & receiving your sanction.

I must however, beg leave to remark that the officer in command of a distant post as this is, and so near the Enemy, ought to be invested with powers to assemble a General Court Martial for the trial of such persons as may be accused of murder, treason, & Desertion, or other capital crimes, and which, if not immediately noticed and punished, might occasion the loss of the Country.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

A. H. BULGER,

Capt. Com'g.

Lt. Col. McDouall,

Commanding,

Michilimackinac & Dependancies.

FROM THE VILLAGERS.¹

FORT MCKAY, 15th January, 1815.

SIR,— We the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien not knowing how to express the sentiments with which we are im-

¹ This was previously published in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., p. 276, but is repeated here because of the signatures, not there given.—ED.