

gratifying to me, and I will not fail to transmit them to Lieutenant-Colonel McDouall.

I am Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. BULGER, Captain
Commanding.

*To Francois Bouthillier, Esqr.,
and the Inhabitants
of Prairie des Chiens.*

TO M'DOUALL.

FORT MCKAY, 15th January 1815.

SIR,—It was my intention to have sent the express off for Mickinac on the 1st instant, deeming it of great importance that you should be immediately apprized of the critical situation in which this garrison will be placed in the Spring for want of provisions; but an unexpected & unpleasant occurrence prevented my intentions taken place.

A serious & alarming mutiny broke out amongst the Michigan Fencibles on the 31st Decr. the particulars of which are as follows. For some time past, the Serjeant Major had made frequent reports to me, of the disorderly conduct of that Detachment, when in the ranks at Drill, and that when he spoke to them, they only laughed at him, & cursed him in French, as he had been informed. My ill state of health put it out of my power to be on parade myself. I therefore told the Serjeant Major, to confine the next man who should be guilty of talking or laughing under arms. This was about four days previous to the disturbance. On the 31st Decr. they were at Drill in the Barrack Square: one of them Antoine Bonnain being very unsteady & inattentive in the ranks, was repeatedly spoken to on the subject, but appeared to take no notice of what was said to him. On which the Serjeant Major ordered him to fall out, & and go to the Guard house; and on his not moving, approached him for the