

pointment, Lieut. Joseph Jacques Porlier¹ of the Mississippi Volunteers, who is an uncommon fine young man, and very active and attentive to his duty. I wish, if there is no prospect of Lt. Armstrong being appointed Captain of that Company, that you would take into consideration Capt. Andersons valuable and important services, which are deserving of some permanent reward, and nominate him to the command thereof. I would not have mentioned this on any account, if I did not think that there was very little probability of Mr. Armstrong getting that appointment, whilst there are Senior Subalterns in the same garrison. I have the highest reason to be satisfied with the conduct of every officer here, but particularly Capt. Andersons.

A Court of Enquiry is now sitting to examine the losses sustained by the people of this place from the depredations of the Indians, & which I should have been enabled to send by this Express had it not been for the length of time which the investigation of Mr. Dickson's charges took up. The people of this Settlement have indeed suffered a great deal from the Indians, during the last two summers, and merit some compensation. I understand from good authority that there are several who 2 years ago had upwards of 30 head of Cattle, & have not now one left. I shall report more particularly on this subject as soon as the actual loss is ascertained.

An address was yesterday presented to me by the Traders & Inhabitants of Prairie des Chiens, which I declined receiving, in consequence of its being also addressed to Mr. Dickson, (my answer to it is enclosed). The persons who framed the address afterwards waited on me, to make an apology for their error. from them I learnt that it was originally made out in my name, but was altered, in consequence of some officers of the Indian Dep't, threatening the people with Mr. Dickson's ill will if they did not enclude him in it. Capt. Graham has been mentioned as having

¹ See McKay's estimate of Porlier, in *Wis Hist. Colls.*, x., p. 118.—ED.