

tamies have struck on the Socks. On our arrival here the Mississippi was full of ice, no boats could go down, in consequence the Socks have not recd. their presents. Capt. Graham is now on his way to them with 25 sleighs loaded with presents. The delay was unavoidable, as the ice in the Mississippi was not sufficiently strong, until Capt. Graham started. Previous to closing my letter, I will take the liberty of again stating the absolute necessity of our being supplied this winter with Powder for the Indians, otherwise we shall not experience much assistance from them. The quantity sent out this fall was not sufficient for the purpose intended, & near 400 lbs of that has been condemned as uns'ble.

The Mississippi rises every spring at least 8 feet, & Boats can at that time sail up the rapids of the Rock River, & as Mr. Keating informs me, neither of our Field Guns, can hurt them. Last fall when the Enemy attempted to come up, the waters were very low, & there was but a very narrow channel in the center of the River for them to sail in—On every side nothing but difficulties present themselves to my view.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Humble Servant,

A. BULGER,

Capt. Com'g. Fort McKay.

*Lieut. Col. McDouall,*

*&c. &c. &c.*

*Mackinac.*

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INTERVIEW BETWEEN BULGER AND DICKSON.

26th January, 1815.

Substance of a conversation between Captain Bulger and Mr. Dickson in presence of the officers of the Garrison and of the Indian Department.

Captain Bulger addressed Mr. Dickson as follows—

"Has the conduct of Lieutenant Brisbois towards me