

FROM DICKSON.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Jan. 31st, 1815.

SIR,—I have just been informed by one of the Interpreters that the Renards¹ are much displeased with the restrictions on the Inhabitants of this place not being allowed, as has been customary, to exchange grease, meat &c for flour. The Renards say that the rum being stoped is right, but they think it hard to be deprived of a mouthful of bread, and that if this continues,—although they wish to fight the Americans, they will allow them to come up the river in the Spring.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Captain Bulger,**Commanding**Fort McKay, &c.*

R. DICKSON,

Agt. & Supt.

TO DICKSON.

FORT MCKAY,

January 31st, 1815.

SIR,—In answer to your note I have merely to say that nothing but a strong conviction of the necessity of the measure could have enduced me to lay any restriction upon selling or bartering bread to the Indians.

I am convinced it is the only way to preserve any Provisions for the Troops and Indians when they will be called upon to fight in defence of the Country.

The Indians have received the supplies you had for them. Consequently they must support themselves, and it ought to be clearly explained to them that the resources of the country will not admit of their being supplied.

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient Humble Servant

A. BULGER, Captain

Commanding Fort McKay.

*Robert Dickson Esqr.**Agent and Superintendent**Of the Western Indians.*

¹ Fox Indians.—Ed.