

FORT MCKAY, 31st January 1815.

SIR,—I know not how many rations you are entitled to, but I know that a Field Officer in the army draws no more than two, and I do not conceive that you can be entitled to more. If you can show me an order from the Commander in Chief, or from Lieutenant-Colonel McDouall, on the subject I will be satisfied.

With respect to Mr. St. John.¹ I have made up my mind not to allow him rations, for I do not conceive that he has the least claim upon Government. Mr. Brisbois,² Mr. Rollette or any other Trader in the Country might with equal justice make a demand for provisions.

I am

Sir,

Your Obedient Humble Servant,

A. BULGER, Captain
Commanding.

*Robert Dickson Esqr.,
Agent & Superintendent,
Western Indians.*

Indorsed — “*Memo.*—Captain Bulger having on the 31st of January sent a message to Mr. Dickson by the acting Commissary to the following effect, ‘That he (Captain Bulger) could allow Mr. Dickson but 2 Rations, and that Mr. St. John could receive none. As he, (Captain Bulger) considered it an imposition upon Government that that person should receive either pay or rations.’ Mr. Dickson told the acting Commissary in answer that he (Mr. Dickson) was entitled to four Rations, and would expect to receive that number, and that Mr. St. John must receive his rations.”

FROM DICKSON.

Feby. 1st 1815.

SIR,—I have been busy with the Indians since this morning else I should not have delayed answering your note to me yesterday on the subject of rations. I am, as Superin-

¹ This is the La Puche or La Perche, mentioned in Bulger's letter to McDouall, of Dec. 30. *ante*, pp. 27, 28. For this trader's relations with Anderson, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., pp. 148, 149.—Ed.

² Michel Brisbois, Sr.—Ed.