

McKay, and on the Mississippi, to control the resources of the Country, and direct the expenditure of every department? If you do, well and good. If you do not, then either you or I must be removed from this country, for I will never serve here upon such terms.

I have many other things to state which require explanation from you, particularly your having given Indians goods in payment for a canoe, but indisposition prevents my writing more at present.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. BULGER, Captain,

Commanding on the Mississippi.

Robert Dickson Esqr.

*Agent & Superintendent
Western Indians.*

FROM DICKSON.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN,
February 10th, 1815.

SIR—On receipt of your letter I do not hesitate one moment in giving you the satisfaction that you so justly require, that of fully recognizing your right of controlling the resources of the Country and of directing the expenditures of every department.

I most ardently desire an explanation and I have the strongest hopes of being able to convince you of the rectitude of my intentions, whatever misunderstanding may have arisen. It has been painful to me that the least shadow of a difference should have ever happened between us. I am convinced that on all occasions you have done your duty, both here and elsewhere. Allow me to show you the copies of my letters. I sent by Larose.¹ I wished to do so before. I can now show them with pleasure.

Rest assured Sir, that I shall consider this as the happiest day of my life, in finding the friendship and esteem I

¹Æneas la Rose, interpreter for the Menomonees.—ED.