

here last summer, being no small quantity,) most fully convinced am I, as I think most men will be, that the Mississippi would not have exhibited *such* a scene of distress, & that the conviction would have been strong in the minds of the Indians in general, that the King their Father had done the utmost that human efforts could do, to relieve their distress and amiliorate their condition.

As for myself, I came here invested with some degree of latitude, which those who sent me doubtless thought I deserved; claiming absolute independance in my situation, & a right to judge for myself, tho' like all men in public situations, liable to that responsibility, from an iota of which I will never shrink, & from which Mr. Dickson will find *he* is not exempt;—not improperly, or weakly bias'd by any man, or set of men, much less to be subjected to the deep disgrace of becoming the puppet of so poor a conjuror as he is. I believe it frequently happens, that a mans actions in private life, afford a apt illustration of his public conduct, & that he who fails in the management of his own affairs, is not likely to succeed with those of the King. How Mr. Dickson has succeeded in both is pritty well known. I have been totally disappointed in the assistance, I expected from him throughout the whole limits of my command—wherever he has been, all has been confusion and mismanagement, thereby necessarily lessening that confidence in the officers of his Department, which a Leader of Indians should invariably excite, & encrease by a personal example of energy, arrangement, boldness & intrepidity. I have neither seen nor heard of his exhibiting any of these essential qualities, without a conspicuous display of which, but little good can be derived from the Indians. On the contrary, *where he is not*, I have seen method, order, and regularity revive, & in some instances followed by a degree of courage and judicious daring, "which saved that Country which it was his peculiar duty to watch over."

On this hateful subject, I shall at present say no more, tho' it was my intention to have taken Mr. Dickson to task