

in a way that he deserves for a most insolent & disrespectful letter he wrote me from Green Bay; a Letter which he has yet to answer for, & which, had he been honoured with His Majesty's commission, would have ignominiously dismissed him the service. I spare him at present, in consequence of the situation of the Country.

Believe me to be, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Rt. McDOUALL,

Lt. Col. Com'g.

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MICHILIMACKINAC 18th Feby. 1815.

MY DEAR BULGER:—Your several communications of 30th & 31st Decr. and 7th, 15th & 17th Jany together with their respective enclosures reach me on the [no date given] instt. I shall reply to them according to their different dates. I cannot however refrain from expressing how much I have felt at the sufferings you endured on the voyage, & the very arduous & trying situations in which you have been placed since your arrival. It does you but strict justice to say that you have conducted yourself with equal prudence, firmness & ability, & what is no small praise, have proved yourself fully equal to the difficulty's which you were called upon to encounter; all your measures meet with my unqualified approbation.

I am very sorry to find that there is such a general scarcity of food among the Indians, which occasions the evil to be augmented tenfold by their destructive ravages in all kinds of provisions.

I thank you for your patient investigation of the losses sustained at La Baye: the amount is really enormous, & if such excesses cannot be prevented, must ultimately ruin the Settlement. I have adopted your suggestion & appointed Mr. Porlier & Mr. Pierre Grignon to be Captains of militia, & also Justices of the Peace at that place. I shall also place at the disposal of the former Gentleman, such supply of ammunition &c as can be spared, & have also authorized