

purchasing them again into Store. This mode would perhaps satisfy some of the Michigan's, particularly by exempting *such* from Parades, & allowing them to work. (I trust that Captain Anderson & Lieut. Porlier will infuse new life & animation into these Corps, & make them render you still good service). You must give every encouragement to the planting *as much corn as possible*, & particularly *above* your Post. Take the utmost pains in this, or the Indians will next winter perish for want. From the Enemy's late establishment, near the Saulk village, they will probably have to move farther up, at all events to plant their corn.

The great price for that article, will I hope cause much to be sown by the Settlers around you. Spare no expence for provisions rather than any misfortune should happen for want of it. Might not the Sioux (who are out of reach of the enemy) raise a good deal? The Indians ought to know that their ravages & depredations, if continued, will force us from the Country—cut off their supplies & thereby leave them exposed to the vengeance of the Americans & end in their ruin and extermination.

Believe me, very truly yours,

RT. MCDOUALL,

Lt. Col. Comm'g.

Captain Bulger.

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Captⁿ Askins statement referred to in Col. McDoualls letter of the 18th February, 1815—

"It has appeared to me that Mr. Dickson has in several instances shown a disposition to obtain from His Majesty's store, a greater quantity of goods for the Western Indians than he was entitled to. On his way to Detroit in June 1813, he applied for every article in the Indian Store at this Post, for the Indians under his command which he received (to the exception of a few articles that were retained by a special order from the Commanding officer of that Post) exclusive of all the goods and guns that were pur-