

MICHILIMACKINAC, 20th Feby. 1815.

MY DEAR BULGER — Be on your guard as to Mr. Dickson, that insidious, intriguing, dangerous, yet despicable character, will require the exercise of all your prudence, all your caution, all your good management. I shall ever regret having sent him with you, as the conviction is strong on my mind, that what with your own judgment & foresight, together with Captain Anderson's zealous assistance & the other officers, that I am highly pleased to hear you speak so well of, you would have been able so to have husbanded your precarious resources, as to have left you no small chance of preserving to us a Country of such vast importance, and which if you succeeded in, could not fail of being attended with the most signal advantages to yourself. Your dispatches I shall forward to His Excellency the Governor, they are very creditable to you, & place your zeal & abilities in a very conspicuous point of view. Of this, be assured that no influence of mine shall be wanting to reward your exertions for the Public good. I did contemplate the possibility of your first getting a compy. in your Regiment, and that an opportunity might occur on the Mississippi, which would give you a fair claim for the Brevit Rank of major. We have a recent instance of such good fortune in Faucett of the 100th who tho' so very lately a subaltern, has now 500 majors below him! I can pritty well answer for Lieut.-General Drummond's disposition, & also Sir George's, most warmly to take up & second my recommendation.

I am glad to find that my good opinion of Captⁿ. Anderson is corroborated by yours. Assure that gentleman that I duly appreciate his zeal & service, & doubt not but he will assist you with his hearty support & co-operation. Before I received your dispatch, I was studying in what way to serve him, & could think of no better mode than by recommending him most strongly to be a Captain in the Indian Depart't which I have done in my last letters to His Excellency. & have little [doubt] of his appointment. It will be