

I entirely approve of your declaration of Martial Law, & of your conduct as to the address, which was spirited & dignified, as it [the conduct of others?] was elsewhere low and mean.

You will see by the orders transmitted, that I have sanctioned your appointments. Captain Anderson will be much better off, as a Captain in the Indian Department, than as Commanding the Michigan Fencibles, which probably will not stand long, and Mr. Armstrong continues to command. You will announce to the Officers of the Indian Department, that I have been doing every thing in my power to benefit them, & render their situations more comfortable and advantageous. I have strongly recommended half pay at the end of the war, for such as are not retained in the service; also an allowance of Bat & Forage money, & my being empowered to unite the offices of Lieut't. and Interpreter in favour of those who distinguish themselves by their zeal and have merit. I have great hopes that these suggestions will be attended to. In addition to these, they must regularly receive their Pay & *allowances* I find there is a *general order* for their being paid every *two months*, therefore as Mr. Dickson has drawn for them to the 24th of Septem'r in order to close the year, the next Pay List must be from 25th Sept'r to 24th Dec'r & the others regularly every two months. It will not be difficult for such as go on command, priviously to sign the Pay list, or leave receipts, & where that cannot be done, to include them, on their return, for the whole period due. I shall endeavor, with the Spring supplies, to complete the officers of the Department with uniform coats (& the Captains & Lieut's with Epaulites) to give them the due respectability in point of appearance.

You will therefore, in making known to them my appointment to the command & Superintendence of the Indian Department at this place and its Dependancies, State the measures which I have adopted for their advantage, & that it is my fixed determination to do every thing in my power for the promotion of those, who have the