

good fortune to distinguish themselves in the cause of their King & Country. On their part, I shall expect from one & all, a cordial, zealous & active performance of their respective dutys.

I am sorry to see Captain Anderson's Company reduced so low in point of numbers. I fear it will occasion objection on the part of Government, to incur the expence of a Captain, Lieut. & Ensign for little more than Twenty men. & I fear the Company allowances which have been charged, are scarcely admissible for so small a number. I think he will be able to encrease the Company to 50 R & F¹ by exempting them as much as possible from Drill or Duty & such as receive no rations (which if you can possibly manage it, you should allow the Michigans & the few men from this Garrison only) only [be] required to parade on Sundays. It will be highly desirable to effect this, were it only to provide for the deserving officers belonging to it. I trust that the Michigan Fencibles, under Capt. Anderson & Mr. Porter, will again distinguish themselves against the Enemy & wipe off their late disgrace. Your conduct in that trying affair did you great credit, & meets with my entire approbation. The Culprets, however, well deserved the whole of their punishment, & I would recommend in future, rigorous discipline, *with the promoters of such mischief (who if possible should be found out) but every favour & encouragement to those who conduct themselves well.*

I have informed Mr. Porlier's Father, that if he approves of it, I will recommend his son, to the Commander of the Forces, for an Ensigncy in the Line, You may appoint La Rose, the Folleavoine Interpreter (who behaved well with them on the 4th August) a Lieut. if you have reason to approve of his subsequent conduct.

You will inform Mr. Rolette for me, of my opinion as to the charges brought against him, & that from what I have seen of him myself, as well as Colonel McKay's report of his conduct, I have ever considered him a loyal

¹ Rank and file.—Ed.