

off for Detroit which is but a league from said house. Opposite to the Huron Town, and Pottawattamie village, saw Mr. Croghan and St. Martin, the interpreter, with horses expecting us.⁸ On coming farther, the Indian towns drew out and began to fire with cannon and small arms, which I returned by three volleys from the Royal American detachment; then went on shore and rode to town through a number of the settlements. All along the road was met by Indians, and near the town, by the inhabitants, traders, &c. When I came to the verge of the fort, the cannon thereof were fired, and the officers of the garrison with those of Gage's Light Infantry received me, and brought me to see my quarters, which is the house of the late commandant Mr. Belestre, the best in the place. After having given directions for my baggage to be brought there, went to Campbell's quarters, where his officers and several of the French gentlemen were introduced to me. Hearing Major Gladwin was very ill, went with Captain Campbell to see him, and found him very ill.⁹ Then returned to my quarters, and supped that evening with Captain Campbell.

Friday 4th. Fine weather. I was all the forenoon taken up with receiving visits and compliments from the different nations of Indians, that came here to meet me, to whom I gave pipes, tobacco, and some drink. Dined with Captain Campbell, whom I desired to order a *feu de joie* on the great success of his Majesty's arms in the reduction of Belle Isle, and destroying so many villages of the Cherokees,¹⁰ which was done

⁸ Jacques Baudry *dit* St. Martin was born in Quebec in 1733. Coming to Detroit in his youth, he married (1760) Marianne Navarre. He was official interpreter for the Huron before the British advent, and the latter continued his employment in the same capacity. During Pontiac's conspiracy he was much distrusted both by the Indians and British. Dying about 1768, he left a considerable estate, a portion of which later fell into Gov. Lewis Cass's possession.—Ed.

⁹ Major Gladwin's illness was probably the cause of his return to the East in the autumn of 1761, leaving Captain Campbell in command until Aug. 23, 1762.—Ed.

¹⁰ Belle Isle, a large French island off the Bay of Quiberon, was besieged in April, 1761, by a British fleet under Admiral Augustus Keppel,