

Shirt Put on him. I Complied with the Request and Seat him on the Ground—Seat a Cupel of Men to work and with the asistans of a Leattel Asheis [ashes] to Prevent thare fingers Slipping thay soon had his head as Smooth as a Bottle. He washt up and I Put a white Shirt on him which Made the fellow so thankfull to think that he could Apear in a Deasant Manner that he Could scairs Contain himself.

We Desended the fox River to the Botam of Greane Bay So cald and thare joined the Hole of ye Canoes Bound to Macena [Mackinac]. The way ther was fair and Plesant we all Pro-seaded together across Lake Misheagan At the End of two days we all apear'd on the Lake about five Miles from Macenac and Aproacht in Order. We had flags on the Masts of our Canoes—Eavery Chefe his flock. My Canoes Beaing the Largest in that Part of the Cuntrey and haveing a large Youon [Union] flage I Histed it and when within a Mile & a half I took ye lead and the Indans followed Close behind. The flag in the fort was histed—ye Cannon of the Garreson Began to Play Smartley—the Shores was lind with People of all sorts, who Seat up Such a Crey and hooping which Seat the Tribes in the fleet a Going to that Degrea that you Could not Hear a Parson Speak. At Lengh we Reacht ye Shore and the Cannon Seasd. I then took my Partey to the Commander who treated us verey Well.<sup>62</sup> I Seat with them an Our and

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<sup>62</sup>The commandant at that time was Capt. Arent Schuyler de Peyster, a native of New York (1736), nephew of Peter Schuyler of Albany. De Peyster was partly educated in England, and entered the British army in 1755. Two years later he received his commission as lieutenant in the 8th (or King's) infantry, and remained with his regiment in England until 1768, when he embarked for Canada. The same year he received his captaincy. In 1774, leaving Quebec May 4, he was sent to command at Mackinac, where after three years' service he became major of his regiment. He remained at Mackinac until after the capture of Henry Hamilton (1779), when he was promoted to the post of Detroit. Relieved in 1784, he was stationed for a short time at Niagara, and returned with his regiment to England the next year. In 1795 he retired from active service and settled at Dumfries, Scotland, where he had the acquaintance of the poet Burns.