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Depoister has but forty men and 100 at Detroit by Report, the Indians Informes them of our army beeing near Detroit that in two days they Can fetch in a scalp from our People, he on his way here receiv^d. the kindest treatment from the Indians who seam Intirely dispos^d. in our favor he has brought with him a large Quantity of goods that was Conceald to him by M^r Bentley who was to start in ten days after him in case he could obtain A permitt otherways he wood make his Escape the best way he could I begin to be Impatiant to start and am In hopes by Next monday to make a move with Every thing from here with hoops of finding you all in Readiness for a start which I make not the least doubt of; if in case your purchacers has been as buisly Employ^d. as we where, I Expect M^r Shannon back Every hour, The weather begins to grow warm & the waters Low so that no time Ought to be lost with regaurd to preparing Every Necessary requird for our Expedetion, pray make Every officer Exert himself as I have been oblig^d. to do, as much depends on Industery, their is maney Thanks to be paid to the Inhabitants here, as they have Spaird their Cattle & Horses past Expectation they have furnish^d. Every fifth head of Cattle in stead of the tenth, which amounts to 80 odd 40 odd Horses [line at bottom of MS. missing] The reason of not getting more Flower from this Place is owing to the scarcity, as their has been sold out of this town since your Departure from here between twenty and thirty Thousand weight I am afraid that Unless you send up a boat for the flower I shall be disappointed I have had the offer of severl Bark boats but none of them in order, or strong Enough to trust a Load in,

My respects to the Gentlemen officers whilst I Remain D^r S^r
your most Obd^t frind & Hum^{le} Se^r

JO^S BOWMAN

N B in my letter in stead of orders forbiding the Indians to be rais^d. against the Americans they are cauld for to Michal^l. M^canoy to a counsel

Addressed: Colo. George Rogers Clark Commandr. in chief of westrn
Deprt Kaskaskias pr Mr pravoe [Prevost]

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