

British Regime in Wisconsin

To aid *Vaudreuil* 'gainst *Wolfe's* invasion,⁶⁷
Which with your tour to save Carillion [Crown Point],
And Fort Du Quesne, cost France a million.

I still preserve your memorandum,
'Twould strike Sir Guy or Haldimand⁶⁸ dumb;
Which, for good reasons, I think meet,
In this grand council to repeat!
Smoked red-deer skins, for warriors' shoes,—
Item—large birch-bark, north canoes,⁶⁹
Masts, halliards, sails, flags, oars and paddles;
Broaches, medals, bridles, saddles,
Large rolls of bark, awls, watap,⁷⁰ gum,
Lines, sponges, pipes, tobacco, rum,
Guns, powder, shot, fire-steel and flint,
Salt pork and biscuit, without stint;
Rich arm bands, gorgets and nose bobs,
Made of French Crowns and Spanish cobs;
Lac'd coats, chintz shirts, plum'd hats for chiefs,
And for your beaux, silk handkerchiefs;⁷¹

⁶⁷ They were then in the French interest, and commanded by Monsieur de Langlade, as they are now in the English interest, commanded by de Langlade and Gautier, since Col. D. P. had gained them over.—A. S. DE P.

⁶⁸ Commanders-in-chief who had passed the Colonel's accounts, and thanked him for having been greatly the means of saving Canada.—A. S. DE P.

⁶⁹ North canoes are of better workmanship, and made very large, in order to carry a great quantity of goods beyond the Lake Superior.—A. S. DE P.

⁷⁰ Pine roots, for sewing bark canoes.—A. S. DE P.

⁷¹ Some of the young chiefs will wear a dozen silver gorgets, one below the other. The laced coat is made very large, of the best scarlet cloth, richly laced, which they put over a flowered chintz shirt, open at the neck and wrists and round their waists, having no breeches on. Their hats are plumed around the rim; and the silk kerchiefs, hanging half out of the pocket, never used.—All this costly dress is on days of ceremony only, and easily thrown off.—A. S. DE P.