

[Letter from De Peyster to Haldimand. Source same as preceding document, but pp. 391, 392.]

MICHILIMACKINAC 9th August, 1779.

SIR—I have accounts that Clark is on the March to the Ouiat [anon] with 500 men followed by 200 Oxen, the remainder of his provisions to go up the Ohio and Wabasha. Linctot marches with a party from the pey [Peoria] to join him at the Ouiat or Miamis, their object is said to be Detroit. I believe by this time we have 500 Indians on the look out to harass them on their March and endeavour to draw them into an ambuscade, which I have ordered to be laid for them. I have sent off Matchiquis & his band with Lieut Clowes [Clowes]⁹¹ to join Mr. Benet. I am Sir &c.

A. S. DE PEYSTER

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MICHILIMACKINAC 13th August, 1779.

SIR—I have just received the annexed Letter from Lieutenant Benet, I must observe to your Excellency that when Mr. Benet wrote it, the sloop was not arrived at St. Joseph's River with Lieut Clowes and Matchequis and his band, nor was Langlade arrived with his Indians, said to be three hundred, but they must have arrived in two or three days after what effect their arrival will have I know not but it is to be hoped the Weenippigoes & Menomies will change the law of affairs there as they are naturally more brave than the Ottawas, and know

⁹¹ Lieut. George Clowes joined the 8th infantry, as ensign, in 1770. Shortly after arriving in America he was stationed at Mackinac, probably coming up with De Peyster in 1774. His service upon the upper lakes lasted until 1784. Upon the removal of De Peyster to Detroit, Clowes, then lieutenant, was left in command of the two companies of the 8th, in garrison at Mackinac. He also acted as assistant engineer and paymaster. In 1784 he joined his regiment at Quebec, and returned to England. There he was promoted to a captaincy in 1786, and either died or retired in 1791.—Ed.