

whether he wants us at or near Detroit, I have deceived him much with respect to our numbers, I thought I could depend more upon the Ottawas, however I have the pleasure to tell you that French and English are all well in Spirits, & only wait for an order to march.

I have no complaint against the Mississequis only their being in such a hurry to leave us. Nibeingushkam and his Friend the old Greyheaded Chippewa stole off without giving us the least notice. They complain that you sent them naked from Michilimackinac & I suppose they will make the same complaint to you of me, notwithstanding they have all been clothed.

We are luckily well intrenched. I am Sir Your Most humble Servant

THOS. BENNETT,

Lieut & Adj't of the Kings Regimt.

To Major De Peyster.

[Letter from De Peyster to Haldimand. Source, same as preceding document, but pp. 393, 394.]

MICHILIMACKINAC 23rd August 1779.

SIR—I am favored with your Excellencys letter of the 3rd July, and return you thanks for the honor done me in the good opinion you are pleased to entertain of my conduct during a long command at this post.⁵⁹

I am very happy to hear that you send Captain Sinclair to relieve me.⁹⁶

I lately acquainted you that Lieut Clowes was gone with the Sloop Welcome to join Lieut Bennett he proceeded as far as the mouth of the [St. Joseph's] River, where he was overtaken by a Trader sent from Lieut Bennett, to acquaint him he was at a place called Kikanimaso, fifteen leagues away this side the river on his way home. That he had waited Twenty days for an answer to his Express sent to Detroit, which was not yet returned, and as all the scouts were returned without having seen

⁵⁹ For this letter see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, pp. 138, 139. De Peyster had commanded at Mackinac since 1774.—Ed.

⁹⁶ For biography of Capt. Patrick Sinclair see *Ibid.*, p. 141, note 1.—Ed.