

of his band I made no delay till I arrived at the river, w[h]ere I found that the Vessell had sail'd, but being in hopes that she was tacking about with an intention to return, I Encamp'd & sent Mr. Langlade again up to St Joseph's to see if anything extraordinary had happened since our departure upon his return he informed me that affairs were in y^e same state as when we first left y^e place, having waited two days & a half for the return of the Vessel, & having only seven days provisions left I resolved upon returning to Michilimackinac

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Canadians behaved with the greatest appearance of zeal for the Service possible, and seem greatly disappointed in not having had it in their power to distinguish themselves

Also the Soldiers who were of the Party, I flatter myself I need not inform you of their Eagerness to meet the Enemy.

Amiable a young Ottawa Chief was the only Indian who returned with me, he seems no less zealous for y^e good of y^e service than ashamed at the dastardly, unsteady conduct of the rest of the Indians

I have y^e honour to be Your most obedient humble Servant

THOS. BENNETT

Lieut & Adj't of y^e Kings (or 8th) Regimt

To Major De Peyster Commanding the Garrison of Michilimackinac.

Endorsed: From Lieut Bennett to Major De Peyster in form of a Journal of his Expedition to St Joseph's Dated Sept 1st Rec'd 24th in the Major's letter of 4th September.

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[Letter from De Peyster to Haldimand. Source, same as preceding document, but p. 397.]

MICHILIMACKINAC 24th Sept. 1779.

SIR—The Indians are all gone to their wintering Grounds apparently well disposed. I herewith enclose their speech to me on their taking leave, for your Excellency's perusal.