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The only assistance they have required for the ensuing Campaign was privately to beg me to Lodge with some careful trader on the way, three or four parcels of powder with a proportion of Ball, and some spare fuzees they say they hope of this moderation to make amends for the great expense they have hitherto put Government to without doing any essential Service.

I have the honor to be &c

A. S. DE PEYSTER

[Letter from De Peyster to Haldimand. Source, same as preceding document, but p. 398.]

MICHILIMACKINAC 5th October 1779.

SIR—I have the pleasure to acquaint Your Excellency that Lieut. Governor Sinclair arrived at this Post yesterday in good health, he proposes to write to your Excellency by a light Canoe which leaves this in a ~~few~~ days. You may depend that nothing shall be wanting in me to give him every information in my power, & I believe I shall have full time to talk affairs over with him, as there is no vessel here to take me to Detroit whither I shall repair agreeable to your orders by the first opportunity.

I have the pleasure to give up everything in a quieter state. The Indians are all gone to their several winterings. The Traders are also sent to their different stations, after having formed a general store, in which they unanimously entered.

By this step I have been able to turn every bad man out of the Indian Country. I mean such as never desired to pay their debts or were suspected of wanting to go off to the Enemy one of them named pero [Perrault] lately went off *en cachet*. I sent after, and overtook him, on this side La Bay, but he rather than return, blew himself up with a Barrell of powder. I did propose in case I had been ordered down to Quebec, to have verbally represented the misconduct of some of the Traders of the North West, having also waited in hopes to get some more