

Information from Mr. Oaks, who I am informed through a scarcity of provisions is gone directly down the country. It is that gentleman therefore and to Mr. Patterson I must beg leave to refer you for a particular Account of what they had concerning the people who were lately murdered by the Indians. I understood that the mischief was brought on thro' the imprudence of two of the killed namely *Cole* and *prudhome* and by the misconduct of Messrs. Homes, McCormick and Graves. I am Sir &c.

A. S. DE PEYSTER

1780: LANGLADE'S SERVICES

[Letter from Madame Langlade to a priest at Montreal. Translated from original MS. in Wisconsin Historical Library.]

MONTREAL, January 16th, 1780.

REVEREND FATHER—You have always manifested so much friendship for Mr Langlade, my Husband, that I have no Hesitation in asking you to recommend me to His Excellency and to remind him of the Services rendered by my husband during the twenty years he has been Employed in the Service, to the detriment of his private interests and of his family's welfare. In one of his Letters written last autumn and dated at Michilimackinac, he tells me that the Commandant, influenced either by his enemies or by Caprice, has Given him much annoyance by making use of his own Pupils instead of him.¹ He does not deserve such a reward, as You know. I Also fear that some of Those same Enemies may turn His Excellency Against him. A few words from you might Prevent this and have Justice done Him as is his due.

If His Excellency would grant me a permit for a Canoe load

¹ It seems evident that Governor Sinclair did not appreciate Langlade's services as thoroughly as had his predecessor, De Peyster; see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, p. 149.—Ed.