

the 34th Regiment as therein mentioned arrived here the 4th instant—with the order of Relief and accordingly the Detachment of the 8th Regiment Embark to-morrow on board the Dunmore and Felicity for Detroit.

From my knowledge of Indians, the Traders & Commerce of this Country, with the situation of things at present, I humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that this small Garrison is by no means adequate to a Post in those Parts—and very alarming to the well affected Traders who have some Property in hand, not less than four Thousand Packs from this Post and Dependencies, to Canada, this year and great outfits are made and now making for next year.

Since the report of the Ottawas intention against this Post, well founded, the Inhabitants have mounted a Guard of Twenty men every night by my desire, and very cheerfully will continue so doing while there are a number of them sufficient for that purpose in the Traders' Village.

I have sent a Carefull man to Tessalon⁵² with three Canadians to take charge of the effects there untill Your Excellency's Intentions be made known.

A Mr. Grant, a Loyalist just arrived from taking a view of Tessalon and tells me that the Soil &c are very excellent and that he can procure Three Family's, with encouragement from Government to settle there.

Your Excellency's most obedt. most humble Servt.

DANL. ROBERTSON.

His Excellency General Haldimand.

⁵² When it was known at Mackinac that by the terms of the treaty of peace Mackinac Island would become American territory, Captain Robertson planned to remove the post to British territory, and chose the mouth of Thessalon River on the north shore of Georgian Bay. Here he had begun work for a fort, when ordered by Haldimand to desist, as there was no immediate prospect of surrendering the post at Mackinac. See *Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, xi, p. 373, for map.—Ed.