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were two prisoners which we received yesterday. The action was near Fort Recovery from which the Cannon & Shells were very much against the Indians.

Captain Doyle<sup>59</sup> desires his compliments to you and requests of you to send twelve Medals & twelve Flags to this place, the small medals you sent before the Indians will not accept of them.

There is likewise at Chikagoe Fifty Indians died of the Small Pox which alarms the Indians much in this Post.

[Letter from Capt. William Doyle to Charles Langlade. Translated from original MS. in Wisconsin Historical Library.]

MICHILIMACKINAC July 26th, 1794.

SIR—I have Received Your Letter dated the 23rd of June and Note with pleasure The Good Dispositions You seem to Manifest for Serving the Government. I have just Written to Colonel England commanding His Majesty's troops at Detroit<sup>60</sup>

finally secured (1792) the appointment of interpreter at Mackinac. There he remained until the evacuation of this post by the British (1796), when he removed to St. Joseph's Island, and there died in 1799.

Joseph Chew was secretary for the Department of Indian Affairs at Montreal.—Ed.

59 Capt. William Doyle joined the 24th foot as ensign in 1774. Two years later he became lieutenant, and served in that capacity until 1787, when he became captain. In 1792 he relieved Capt. Edward Charleton of the command at Mackinac, and was the last British commandant of that post, which he evacuated in August, 1796; he had meanwhile been promoted (May 6, 1795) to a majority. He continued with the regiment until 1804, having attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel.—Ed.

60 Richard England was an Irishman by birth, who enlisted in the army (1766) as ensign of the 47th infantry. He was promoted through the grades until he became major of the regiment in 1781, acting likewise as deputy quartermaster-general. In 1783 he was transferred to the 24th regiment as lieutenant-colonel, coming to command at Detroit in 1792. He was the last British commandant of that place, retiring with the surrender to the Americans (July, 1796). After returning to England he was made major-general (1796), and colonel of