

tion of submitting through Your Honor to His Excellency the Governor General, for the purpose of defeating any attempts which our Enemies might make on this part of the Country.

They were these

“That the Barrier which the United States presents is of so high a consideration unless the people of Kentucky and of the Ohio should join our Enemies or permit them to pass unmolested through their North Western Territory, little danger to this Province is to be apprehended by that Rout. But that the water communication by the Ouisconsin to Lake Michigan, (except an inconsiderable carrying place between that and Fox river) opens an easy passage for the introduction of Troops and all manner of stores either by the way of Chicago or Missilimackinac.

“That the rout by the Illinois river tho’ much nearer, does not afford such advantages for bringing forward supplies as the Ouisconsin, and altho’ in the Spring of the Year, the waters are always high by the dissolving of the Snow and frequent rains at that season yet it is presumed the swelling of the Illinois may have subsided before an army could be in readiness to take the advantage of that circumstance and it must be observed also that there are many interruptions on this communication such as Rapids and Shallow waters. The Ouisconsin therefore appears their most [best] rout as it is the easiest and most secret as well from its distance from any body of Traders as from the little intercourse we have with the Indians inhabiting that part of the Country.

“In order therefore to meet every contingency the late deputy Superintendent General proposed to collect all the Indians in this part of the Country and a part of those about Missilimackinac and the Island of St. Joseph in this vicinity as early as possible in the Spring; and numerous small scouting parties from them as well as confidential messengers sent off to watch the motions of the Enemy in all directions; and to obtain by this means early intelligence of all their movements; this defensive force independent of regular Troops and Militia may on a