

STATEMENT OF MR. DICKSON.

(Indians.)

Having obtained a supply of merchandize at St. Josephs from the Montreal merchants, I left that place in the latter end of August 1811 and notwithstanding the impediments thrown in my way by the American Government, I was fortunate enough to reach the country where I successfully carried on my trade.

During the winter I found the Agents of the American Government using every means in their power to influence the Indians in their behalf, by making them unusual presents of goods and inviting them in the most pressing

manner to visit the President of the United States at Washington, where it was held out to them, they would hear something of the utmost importance.

From these circumstances I was inclined to believe that something hostile was meditated against our Govt. and being the only individual in that country possessed of the means of frustrating their intentions I took such steps as I trust will be approved of by His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

The Calamitous state of the Indian Tribes at that time was peculiarly distressing, the crops of those who cultivate the ground having failed from the great drought of the preceding summer; and owing to the same cause those who subsisted entirely by the chase were deprived of provisions, the large animals having gone northwards in quest of food.

I left the River Mississippi on my return to St. Josephs with a number of Indians after having supplied their families with ammunition and provisions at a great expence I was met at the Portage of the Ouisconsing by two Courriers from Amherstburg with a communication from general Brock, in consequence of which I sent a Party of Indians from Labaye to Amherstburg where they remained during the Summer and were in every engagement with the Enemy.

I forbear entering into any detail respecting the Indians who accompanied me as I presume that their conduct has already been made known to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

A Statement of Expences incurred for the above purposes is here subjoined.

1812

July 20

To amount of Robert Dickson & Co's account of sundries furnished the Scioux, Follesavoine and Winibago Indians p. account herewith No. 1.....	20973	0	0
To paid Francis Boutellier for sundries at Prairie du Chiens for do. p. acct. No. 2 \$995 0	5970	0	0
To paid Pierre Grignon for funds for do. p. acct. No. 3.....	624	0	0
To cash pr Louis Grignon for one ox for do.....	300	0	0
To cash pr Dr. Mitchell for provisions for do.....	876	0	0
To cash pr Paul Ducharme for an ox for do.	300	0	0
To amount of Jacob Franks account of sundries for said Indians pr acct. No. 4.....	12130	18	0
To cash pr Lewis Crawford for provisions for said Indians at St. Josephs 7 voucher \$5	350	0	0

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To Robert Dickson & Co. disbursements for said Indians at Michillimackinac p. account No. 6.....	3483	0	0
	45006	18	0
Hx Curry.....	1875	5	9
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Montreal December 3d 1812.

R. DICKSON

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RETURN.

RETURN of Prisoners of War, Captured on the Surrender of Detroit Embarked on board His Majesty's Schooner the Lady Prevost at Amherstburg Nov 13th 1812 and who are now at Fort George December 4th 1812

No	Names	Rank	Corps	Remarks
1	Timothy McCoone.....	Private	4 U. S. Regt	
2	William Williams	do	do	
3	James Pierce.....	do	do	
4	Horace Humphrey.....	do	do	
5	Augustus Bellow.....	do	do	
6	John Davies.....	do	do	
7	William Damor.....	do	do	
8	Capel Colton.....	do	do	
9	William Cadey.....	do	do	
10	Nathan Cobbe.....	do	do	
11	Alexander Morrison.....	do	do	

CHRISTO. MYERS

Lt. Col

Acting Q. Mr Genl.

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