

TO MAJ. GEN. SHEAFFE—WITHOUT SIGNATURE.

(Indians.)

M. S. OFFICE

QUEBEC 14 Jany 1813

To M. Genl. Sheaffe
Comg in Up: Canada
Fort George

SIR

The commander of the Forces having appd a confidential Board of which M. Genl de Rottenburg was President to assemble at Montreal on the 8th Inst: for the purpose of investigating certain Claims preferred by Mr Robt. Dickson for supplies furnished the Indians of the Western Nations, in consequence of a communication which had been made to him by the late M. Genl Brock; I am directed to acquaint you that in compliance with the recommendation of that Board His Excellency has authorized the payment of the full amount of Mr. Dickson's demands say £1575. 5. 9 curry* together with the sum of £300 Currency for his past exertions & trouble; I am at

* £1875-5-9 (?)£

the same time to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint Mr Dickson by Comn dated the 1st Jany 1813 an agent for the Indians of the Western Nations, & I beg leave to refer to the instructions with which that Gentm has been furnished for his guidance as the outline of his Conduct.

Mr. Dickson will set out immediately from Montreal for his destination, & has been desired to report himself to you at Fort George on his way, and receive from you such directions as you may judge expedient to call his attention to, and it is the desire of the Comr of the forces that you will give such orders as may be necessary to the officers of the Indian Dept and others concerned, to afford the requisite assistance to Mr Dickson to promote the object of the important trust reposed in him.

The Comr of the forces desires I will impress upon your mind the great advantages which may result in the defence of upper Canada, from the timely cooperation of an Indian force, I therefore trust your arrangements with Mr Dickson will be principally directed to that most desirable object.

Amable Chevalier an ottawa Indian has been appointed to accompany Mr. Dickson as a Lieut & Interpreter, and His Excellency has consented to Capt. Norton proceeding with that Gentn from Niagara as far as Amherstburg and then return, provided you can dispense with his services for the period he would be absent.

I have &c

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TO MR. DICKSON—WITHOUT SIGNATURE.

(Indians.)

M. S. OFFICE

QUEBEC 14 Jany 1813

To Robt Dickson Esqr
Montreal

SIR

The commander of the forces having had under his consideration the proceedings of the Confidential Board of which M Genl de Rottenburg was President, assembled at Montreal on the 8th Inst: to investigate the accounts submitted by you for supplies furnished to the Indians & such other matters as was laid before it. I am directed to acquaint you that His Excellency has been pleased to authorize the payment of your claims in full being £1575, 5. 9 Currency,* with the sum of £300 cury as a compensation

for your personal exertions and trouble, making together the sum of £2175—5. 9 Cury, which will be paid to you by I. W. Clarke Esqr Asst Com Genl to whom you will afford such acquittances as will be required by that gentleman.

I have further the pleasure to signify that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you Agent for the Indians of the Western Nations, and you will receive enclosed a commission as such. I have been directed to notify your appt to the Superintendent Genl of Indian Affairs, to whom you will show the instructions herewith annexed and from whom you will receive such further instructions as may be requisite for your guidance in the execution of the particular and important service entrusted to you.

You are required to report yourself and communicate with M. Genl. Sheaffe at Fort George, on your way to your destination, and will receive from that officer such further directions as he may judge expedient to call your attention to

I am Sir
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Instructions for Robt Dickson Esqr Appointed Agent for the Indians of the Nations to the Westward of Lake Huron.

QUEBEC 14th Jany 1813

Reposing especial trust in your Zeal, loyalty and ability, I have been induced to appoint you to be agent for the Indians of the several Nations to the Westward of Lake Huron, by Commission dated on the 1st Jany 1813. with a salary of £200 per Annum payable through the accounts of the Indian Department and the several allowances of a superintendnt together with an allowance of £300 A. H. C per Annum which will be paid you from another source, to cover all travelling and contingent expenses.

It appears to be highly expedient for the benefit of the Public Welfare in this part of H. M. Dominions that as effective an Indian force as practicable should be brought forward next spring from amongst the Western Nations, to be employed when circumstances may require their Aid in the Province of Upper Canada. With a view therefore to accomplish this object and to give greater respectability and efficacy to your exertions, you are hereby furnished with a Commission from me, and you are required to proceed without delay upon the Service.

I approve of LaBaye and Chicago being the places of rendezvous for the Indians, where as many of the articles stated in the returns submitted by you to the Confidential Board at Montreal, as can be furnished, will be or-

dered to be sent as early as possible in the spring from Amherstburg and Michilimackinac, and you have authority to purchase such provisions as may be absolutely necessary for the subsistence of the Indians until the several Articles arrive, as also some Tobacco & Liquor, to be given them as a regale. When Collected You will report the same to the officer Commg in Upper Canada, stating to him the Number of Warriors disposable, and wait instructions for their movements from thence according to the Circumstances of the War.

You have Authority to make such requisitions as may be necessary upon H. M. Indian storekeepers or other proper officers for such goods and provisions, as from time to time shall be Considered needfull for the accomplishment of the Object in View, such requisitions being with the Knowledge & Concurrence of the Officer Comg H. M. Forces at the Post where the requisition is made, Instructions to this effect will be given to the proper Officers by Major Genl Sheaffe and Sir John Johnson.

Amable Chevalier the Ottawa Indian will be allowed to accompany you upon your intended excursion and may be considered as a Lieut: & Interpreter and receive pay of 5 s. Currency per day. Captain Norton may also proceed with you from Niagara to Amherstburg, and return as soon as possible if Major Genl. Sheaffe can dispense with his services for the period he would be absent.

You will be allowed to employ a number of officers, not exceeding Five Who must be men of intelligence and confidence, & a Number of Interpreters well versed in the languages of the Western tribes not exceeding 15—being in all 20.—The Officers will hereafter be furnished with Commissions as Lieutts with Provincial rank and the pay of 6s 6d per day and allowances, The Interpreters will have warrants & pay at the rate of a Dollar a day & allowances. The above numbers of officers and interpreters are mentioned in the Anticipation that upwards of 1000 picked Warriors will be Collected. If less than that number the Officers and interpreters should be in proportion.

During the period of your present employment it is to be understood that you are not to be engaged in any trade whatever, & your appointment is only intended during the war with the United States, unless Governmt should see fit at the peace to prolong it. It is also to be understood that the subordinate appointments are only to continue during the war.

In the policy to be strictly observed, in your conduct towards the different tribes, it is desirable that you should endeavour to conciliate them to act together harmoniously, that you should restrain them by all the means in your power from acts of Cruelty and inhumanity, encouraging in them a

disposition to preserve an alliance of friendship with their great father the King of England, by whose special favour they are indulged with his protection, and that the presents and other comforts they now receive flow from his bounty, in his kind consideration to preserve them and their families from the miseries to which they are exposed by an Enemy overrunning their Country.

The Indians in General should be instructed to hold out to all Americans whether in arms or otherwise that they must retire beyond the boundary line fixed by Wayne's treaty and that no Americans can be allowed to remain on the Indian side of the line, without the risk of being treated as enemies, except where reserves have been granted by treaties with the Indians, and it is to be clearly understood that the Indians only are to appear as the movers in such proceedings.

You will report to me from time to time by the most expeditious route all your proceedings & you will carefully maintain a communication with the officer commg His Majesty's Forces in U. Canada, respecting the success or difficulties which may attend the important service you have undertaken.

(Sigd)

GEORGE PREVOST
Com: of the Forces

By His E. Command
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Mil: Secy }

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TO SIR JOHN JOHNSON—WITHOUT SIGNATURE.

(Indians.)

M. S. OFFICE
QUEBEC 14th Jany 1813.

SIR,

I am directed to acquaint you that in consequence of the report of the confidential Board of which you were a member assembled at Montreal on the 8th Inst. The Comr of the Forces has been pleased to authorize the payment of the acct of claims preferred by Mr. Dickson viz:—£1875-5-0. curry together with the sum of £300 cury for his past exertions and trouble.

I am also to inform you that His Excellency has thought it expedient to appoint Mr Robert Dickson a temporary Agent for the Indians of the Western Nations & to grant to him a commission as such dated the 1st Jany. 1813 & you will be pleased to direct that this gentleman be borne on

the Pay Lists of the Indian Dept. for the same salary as Mr. Elliott the Supt. at Amherstburg £200 cury per annum & the same allowances but in consideration of his appt being only temporary & that he will be employed upon a very extensive & particular service he will be allowed a further sum from another source to defray his travelling and incidental expenses.

Mr. Dickson is allowed to employ a certain number of officers & Interpreters in proportion to the Indians he may collect, as stated in his instructions, & I am to request you will point out to that gentleman the mode in which the pay and allowances of these persons when appointed, are to be drawn, & that the same may be obtained without unnecessary delay.

His Excellency has approved of the several articles stated in the annexed Returns marked A & B being supplied from the Indian Magazine in U. Canada & forwarded to the places recommended as early as possible after the navigation opens in the spring & you will be pleased to take measures for sending the Express from York to Michilimackinac & to direct that the needful preparations may be made for that purpose.

The Wampum Belt the 6 silk Flags & 5 large medals as recommended by the Board were approved by the govr in Chief & and you will cause the same to be supplied.

I have &c

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MR. DICKSON TO SECRETARY FREER.

(Indians.)

MONTREAL Jan 18th 1813.

SIR,

I received your Letter, of the 14th Inst. inclosing His Excellency the Commander in Chiefs Instructions to me & also a commission, appointing me agent for the Western Nations.

I am highly gratified, at the expeditious manner in which the business has been transacted.

I have to request you sir, to return my thanks to His Excellency the Commander in Chief for the very distinguished manner with which I have been treated, and assure him that I am fully impressed with a due sense of the very great confidence he has been pleased to repose in me, & which I shall unceasingly make it my duty to deserve.

As directed I have shown my instructions to Sir John Johnson, who has furnished me with the necessary orders to the officers of his Dept.

I shall attend to what is ordered respecting Major General Sheaffe.

I shall proceed from this to morrow & shall not fail from time to time to make known to His Excellency what events may take place connected with that important object, with which I have the honor to be entrusted.

I am Sir

Your most obedient and
very humble servant

ROBERT DICKSON

Noah Freer Esq. }
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