

MR. DICKSON TO SECRETARY FREER.

(Indians.)

MICHILIMACKINAC June 23d 1813

SIR

Please inform His Excellency Sir George Prevost of my having arrived at this place on the 10th Inst. and much to my sorrow I have been detained until this day by the badness of the weather and other unavoidable delays.

The force I have with me consists of upwards of Six hundred chosen warriors, I have sent eight hundred more by land to Detroit, where I trust they are arrived. I defer at present entering into any detail respecting my proceedings, as Coln. St George may still be detained some time here, but

from Detroit I shall have the honour of communicating to His Excellency whatever has occurred to me respecting the present state of this country.

I dispatched from La Baye on the 1st Inst: a courier to Genl. Proctor and Genl. Sheaffe informing them of my intended route and the number of warriors with me and also those I had sent by land, I have the honor to be

Sir Your most obt humble Servant

ROBERT DICKSON

Agent to the Indians of the Western Nations

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CAPTAIN ROBERTS TO SECRETARY FREER.

(Indians.)

FORT MICHILIMACKINAC, 23 June 1813

SIR

For the information of His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, I have the honor to acquaint you that Mr. Dickson with the inclosed return of Indian warriors arrived here on the 9th of this month and is now embarking for Detroit, the insufficiency of stores to supply his demands has been one of the principal causes of his long delay at this place. I have been obliged to have recourse to the merchants to furnish a part of his requisitions the urgency of which was stated in such strong terms that I thought the service might suffer by my refusing to grant what he asked, I have therefore taken the responsibility on myself with a view of facilitating the departure of those people to the scene of action.

Our Frontier on the side of Chicago is represented as being in a very defenseless state all the Indians from that quarter having marched to Detroit, it is also asserted by some of the traders from that neighbourhood that the Americans are collecting in force on the Illinois.

I have the honour to be

Sir your most obedient servant

CHARLES ROBERTS

Capt Commg

Military Secretary

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List of Indian Warriors Going to Detroit.

116 Chippeways
220 Menominies
42 Ottawas
97 Sioux
18 Foxes or Renards
130 Winibagoes or Puants

Total..... 623

Michilimackinac June 21st 1813

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