

MR. DICKSON TO SECRETARY FREER.

(Indians.)

ST. JOSEPH'S LAKE MICHIGAN March 16th 1813

SIR

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1st Inst from Fort George. You will please inform His Excellency, that entrusted with an important command, I shall at all Times, use my utmost endeavours to restrain the Indians, from committing any insults on their Enemies

* It is a carriage only that is wanted

who may fall into their hands. I have already made known to such Tribes as I have seen His Excellency's Order on this Head, with which, they have promised to Comply.

I have seen the Poutewatamies of this place, who are going to join the Shawanies, Kickapous, and Delawares, and with them proceed to Detroit.

The Americans in November last, came up the Illinois river as far as the French Village of Peoria, which they plundered and burnt Carrying with them the Inhabitants to St. Louis, giving as a reason for this unwarrantable proceeding that the Indians were protected and supplied by them. Please inform His Excellency, that their remains, of the ill fated Garrison of Chicago, Captives, Among the Indians, Seventeen Soldiers, four Women and some Children. Knowing it to be consonant to His Excellency's wishes, I have taken the necessary steps for their redemption & I have the fullest confidence that I shall succeed in getting the whole.

The Americans having last season destroyed the Corn fields of the Indians, near this place, has rendered provisions Scarce, I have taken the precaution, to send for a Supply from another quarter.

I have thought it expedient to appoint as my instructions prescribe Charles Chaudonet a Lieutenant and Jean Baptiste Chaudonet Interpreter. I request a Commission for the former and a warrant for the latter, the Interpreter employed since 20th February and the other 13th March.

I leave this to-morrow, and shall have the honour of addressing you in a few days from Chicago and Millwaukee. I trust to reach the Mississipi in the beginning of next Month. I have the honour to be

Sir

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Most humble Servant

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