

FROM MR. ASKIN—UNADDRESSED.

(*War-1812.*)

MICHILIMACKINAC 18th July 1812

DEAR SIR

I am happy to have it in my power to announce to you that Fort Michilimackinac capitulated to us on the 17th inst at 11 o'clock A. M.—Capt. Roberts at our Head with a part of the 10th R. V Battalion.—Mr. Crawford had the command of the Canadians which consisted of about 200 men—Mr. Dixon 113 Sieoux, Foollavoines & Waynebegoes—myself about 280 men.—

Ottawas and Chippawas—part of the Ottawas of L'Arbre Croche had not arrived.—It was a fortunate circumstance that the Fort Capitulated without firing a single gun, for had they done so, I firmly believe not a soul of them would have been saved.—My son, Charles Langlade, Augustin Nolin, and Michelle Cadotte Junr have rendered me great services in keeping the Indians in order, and executing from time to time such commands as were delivered to me by the commanding officer.—I never saw so determined a set of people as the Chippewas & Ottawas were.

Since the capitulation they have not drunk a single drop of Liquor, nor even Killed a Fowl belonging to any person (a thing never Known before) for they generally destroy everything they meet with.

I have the honour &c

signed

MR. ASKIN Junr

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