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U. S. Army of Michigan

213.
Michigan Agency
Michilimackinac Sept. 1, 1835.

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I respectfully present this subject for your consideration. Should the course indicated receive the sanction of the Department, it is desirable I should receive an early reply, to enable me to leave the Agency before the setting in of winter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

Henry Richardson

W. H. Mason Esq.
Acting Secretary of Michigan

Indian Agency
Michilimackinac Sept. 4, 1825.

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