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*List of Persons Wishing to Settle at Detroit.*

Anthony Blackburn with twenty in family	Thos Steele & family
Joseph Blackburn with eight in family	Willm Richmond & family
Joseph Blackburn, Junr	Nathanl Stokes & family
Conrad Winemiller	John Bell & family
Jacob Winemiller with eight in family	Thos Beall & family
Peter McCartney with ten in family	John Taylor & family
John McDonald with ten in family	John Ingles & family
Alexander Barr & family	James McClelland & family
John Girty & family	Nathanl McCarty & family
Charles Smith & family	John Smith & family
A. McDonald & family	John Anderson & family
Roderick Frazer & family	Joseph Cesna & family
A. McDonald & family	Andrew Naugle & family

Endorsed:—List of persons & families who wish to settle under the British Government at Detroit from near Fort Pitt. Septem 2 1784

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CAPTAIN ROBERTSON TO SECRETARY MATTHEWS

MICHILIMACKINAC 7th Sept. 1784.

SIR, I am at last necessitated to lay my very particular and disagreeable situation before His Excellency the Commander in Chief through you, and I hope he will be so good, as on all occasions to me, to consider my case in its true light, as the Publick Interest has been, and ever will be my constant study, as far as concerned in Publick matters—

Last year and this I borrowed some Rum at different times as the service required it, on the good faith and expectation of giving up some of this article, as well as other Indian Goods, sufficient to replace the same, as I agreed, one article for another, according to their different Prices, but to my grea sorrow not a single article has been sent to this Post since June 1783—and by Colonel Campbell at that time—

Mr. McBeath, who I employed to procure me the Rum, apply'd in behalf of the Concerned, repeatedly, but I always delayed, still in expectation of some comfort from below, untill now, when I am asked the Payment as all their Outfitts are made and of course that article entirely useless to them, and Returns for their Goods expected below this Fall, therefore I will be obliged to Include that in the Three Months' Account.

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I have notified to Mr. McBeath that the Price shall be as at the different Periods received, as that differed often during last & this year, owing to the small quantity on the communication.

An Indian, Matichquix, a noted Chief of the Chipeways came here a few days ago, and on my not consenting to His demands, & altho' sober, abused me in a very particular manner, as all our great men below, saying we were all Lyers, Impostures &c. that had encouraged him and others to go to Canada &c. to fight and loose their Brothers and Children, now despise them, and let them starve, and that they, the Indians ought to chasse us and our connections out of the country, on my answering him, in the manner I thought proper, he said he would go to Canada and complain to his Father at Quebec, and Colonel Campbell of me and reproach them of their promises to him and Band when he went with General Burgoyne, he has gone since much Displeased—

Since my last Letter to you, the Wharf is again broke up by a Gale of Wind—

No Vessel since from Detroit tho' much in want of Provisions &c.

I have the Honor to be with great regard, Sir,

your most obedt. humble Servant

DANL. ROBERTSON.

Major Mathews.

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CAPTAIN ROBERTSON TO SECRETARY MATTHEWS

MICHILIMACKINAC 19th Sept. 1784.

Sir, Since my last Letter to you of the 16th Instant, I received your favor of the 22d July directing me to address all Indian Accounts to Sir John Johnson which shall be obeyed for the future—

I have also received a Letter from Lieut. and Adjutant Armstrong, by the Wyndote, inclosing a copy of one from you to the purport of not carrying on any works at Posts ceded to the Americans, which I have always complied with since the Treaty and order was communicated to me, only keeping the temporary works together, so as to command some Respect for the safety of