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I have received an application from Ignace Nikanawaka, one of the principal Chiefs of the Iroquois Indians, respecting allowances due to him while employed as Lieutenant and Interpreter in the Indian Dept. at Michilimachinac in 1814 and 1815, and as his Name does not appear upon the Returns or Pay Lists recorded in this Office, I am induced to request your assistance towards obtaining every practicable information respecting this Claim. — Ignace has produced his Commission from the late Sir George Prevost, as Lieut. & Interpreter dated 25th November 1814, and ^{he} appears by the testimonials he has produced, from Colonel McDonnell and other Officers, to have served at Michilimachinac for some time previous to his Appointment. — I am aware, that there is no chance whatever of the allowances in question being recovered at this late period, but if the fact of their not being drawn at the Post above mentioned, could be satisfactorily established, by the Certificates of the Barrack Master and Senior Officer of the Indian Dept. then serving at Michilimachinac, this Chief might very probably obtain some Compensation in Presents or otherwise upon making an Application to that effect, and you have I believe frequent opportunities of writing to Drummond Island from York, I will thank you to request Mr Anderson to explain the purport of this letter to Mr Rawson, the Barrack Master, and to procure his Certificate that no allowances were issued to Lieut Ignace during the period he was stationed at Michilimachinac. — Excuse the trouble proposed I believe
Yours truly
D. Staples

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