

Amherstburgh 26th Aug 1817

Sir,

I arrived here on the 21st June last, from Drummonds Island, and since that period have been occupied in attending to the requests & wants of those deserving Tribes of Indians, who rendered us Service during the last War. In a few days I propose going up the Chamaille Route for the purpose of distributing Presents to the ~~the~~ Chippewas of that Nation, and Delaware, Micassians & Muncus of the River Thames -

Some days ago the Indian Presents for this Post were landed here and I find that there is no Bellows amongst the Smiths Tools therefore will thank you to let me know by the earliest opportunity how that evil is to be remedied and the mode I am to adopt to get a Smiths Shop erected or rented, so that the Black Smith may be employed in repairing the Indian Guns & Axes &c.

In obedience to your orders, I sent Cadote the Interpreter with Lieut Bayfield of the Royal Navy who is appointed to Survey the Shore of Lake Huron in lieu of Capt. Green. Lieut Bayfield requires only one Interpreter which is the cause of my not sending two, in conformity to the Orders - I have only one Interpreter at present which is George Rapp, who is very useful in assisting me in teaching the Indians. Mr. Ironside being still in Charge of the Store, cannot be any way serviceable as Interpreter for the present. I therefore request you will