

The ferrying trade at this point, Being from home at the time of this outrage I cannot of course from my own knowledge say who were or ^{who} were not engaged in the affair. But I have credible testimony from persons who were on the spot, that the Indians who were active in the matter were all (Six in number) American Subjects.

Referring to the insinuation contained in Mr C. S. Dixon's Letter to Mr Buller accompanying Mr Baynton's Affidavit, tending to implicate me, I would hope that that Gentleman did not intend what his ascription would import, when he said, "The brutal conduct of the Indians under the authority of Mr Chesley." For I feel persuaded that Mr Baynton himself will do me the justice to acquit me of any knowledge or participation in the transaction; But that I did on the contrary ^{express} ~~express~~ my most marked disapprobation of the ~~Indians~~ ^{of the Indians} conduct, when he first mentioned it to me.

I have long desired the opportunity, which this correspondence ~~now~~ offers, to represent for the information of the Executive Government the necessity (for the preservation of the public peace) of the appointment of a Magistrate in the Village of St Regis, in support of which I think no stronger proof need be urged than ~~the~~ the one under consideration.

I have the honor
to be

Sir

Your Obedt^t Humble Serv^t

J. Chesley

Per^t Mr [unclear]

A. C. B. Napier
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