

for the same. Lieut. Dixon turned himself to wards my son at the time I was weighing the 1/4 lb. balance & said I call upon you to say if there wasnt a deficiency of tobacco in the 13 lbs. My son answered him roughly that he wasnt in the store to answer any questions put to him as the Store Keeper was present & would answer for himself. Lieut. Dixon imitated at the reply made use of very rash expressions in which my son told him he wouldnt dare to express himself in the same way as he in any other place. I interrupted & desired my son to be silent & he went homewards & that day I signed 1 1/4 lb. tobacco in lieu of 1 1/2 lb. which was conformable to the Regulation & consequently lost 1/4 lb. The second accusation was preferred by Charles Spenard the very man who having been a large concourse of Indians at Lieut. Dixon's room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last the Commanding Officer Lt. Dixon & Post Davis were present at which time he Spenard told the Indians that it was the Commanding Officer's orders that when ever they brought presents of any kind to this post they were to take them to his House & from thence he would accompany them to the Commanding Officer there to receive his directions (this circumstance I mentioned in my letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> last. at that time I did not know that the Commandant & Post Davis were present. — Spenard accuses me of having purchased a musk skin from an Indian which was his property & his accusation quite false derive is from Indian report, however the two statements dont correspond if the whole only intended to harm & annoy me. On the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> three privates of the 100<sup>th</sup> Regt<sup>ment</sup> deserted from this place. The Commandant directed me to send Indians in pursuit of them two were immediately sent according to his request & returned before the next morning with the deserters, a party of Soldiers was also sent in quest of them who were ordered to go as far as St. Renae & Charles Spenard was employed by the Commanding Officer as a Guide to take them there. On the 25<sup>th</sup> provisions were issued in the usual manner to the two Indians & their families with the addition of 1 lb. tobacco to each man. On the 27<sup>th</sup> Capt. Dawson ordered me verbally to make two Requisitions for provisions one for Naytemway who had rec<sup>d</sup> priv<sup>ately</sup> on the 25<sup>th</sup> for 10 lb. pork & 10 lb. bread & the other for Mrs. Spenard a woman kept by Spenard for 21 lb. pork & 15 lb. bread as a compensation for the latter services in escorting his party of Soldiers. I informed the Commandant that Naytemway had rec<sup>d</sup> provisions on 25<sup>th</sup> & tobacco & as to Mrs. Spenard it was not customary to issue prov<sup>isions</sup> to women kept by the whites except for two days when they rec<sup>d</sup> their annual presents, but if he felt Dawson would give me a written order to that purpose I would make out Requisitions conformable to the same. as for my part I couldnt think of making a cloak of the Indian Department for the payment of Mrs. Spenard's services or any invoice *Quartition* ordered by

by my Superior, his answer was that he would send me a written order which I now enclose.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> I sent the Commandant the two Requisitions conformable to his directions & the 29<sup>th</sup> he desired me to make the Requisition for Mrs. Spenard de stores for the same quantity of provisions but on a sheet of paper that he might state his reasons underneath the same. I executed his order & on his seeing me he said he was sorry to observe that I had not made the Requisition for Mrs. Spenard in the usual manner but had expressed therein that it was conformable to his order. and said he plainly saw that I did not seem disposed to acquiesce with him in little trifling things of that kind. Therefore from that day I neednt expect any friendship from him. I answered him that I had always done my duty to the best of my abilities & conformable to my instructions & it was not in my power to do otherwise. On the 30<sup>th</sup> I was astonished to find in the Garrison Orderly Book that a court of enquiry was to set the next day for the purpose of investigating charges which were to be preferred against. That the President of the Court was the person who the day before declared himself my enemy & Lieut. Dixon who has already preferred charges against me was another member.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> at half after ten o'clock A.M. Lieut. Dixon waited on me & said that it was the Commanding Officer's positive orders that I should attend the court of enquiry which was to set at 11 o'clock & that if I did not attend he was commanded by the Commanding Officer to inform me that I must consider myself despondent from the situation I held in the Indian Department. I immediately told Lieut. Dixon that I would not take notice of the order unless I had it in writing. At 11 o'clock precisely Lieut. Dixon & Post Davis waited on me & said that the President & Members of the court of enquiry were assembled & they were deputized by the President to desire I would attend. My answer was this. With due respect to the President & members of the Court I had to inform them that I could not attend for certain reasons (best known to myself) they insisted I should tell my reasons I said that I knew there was some worthless persons at that court who would say anything to calumniate me (meaning Spenard & Livingston) — a few moments after they Lieut. Dixon & Davis returned & said it was the Commanding Officer's orders that I should state my reasons in writing for not attending the court of enquiry — finding myself pressed in that manner I gave the following reasons in writing.

Gentlemen. When I conceive that there has been the proper authority issued for holding a court of enquiry on my conduct as Store Keeper & Interpreter in the Indian Department at this post