

Saint Joseph 23rd June 1865

Sir

I have to inform you that Windaiginewa an Ottawa Chief, has reported to me that an Indian by Name of Omay'gane Head Chief de Sauteau de la Grand Inverore went to Michilimackinac to Trade with the Merchants, that when he had finished his Business the Interpreter asked him if he intended to return to his Village, to which he answered he was going to see his Father at Saint Joseph, the Interpreter then told him not to leave the place before he went to the Fort where the Commanding Officer wished to see him, Omay'gane replied he had no business with an American Commanding Officer, but that he wished to see his Father at Saint Joseph's. The Interpreter then said that he and all his Young Men must go to the Fort or the Commandant would be very angry, which the Chief still refused, the Interpreter then made his report to the Commanding Officer who ordered four pieces of Cannon to be unmasked and loaded with Grape Shot, and sent an Indian named Daefoumaki who was in the Fort at the same time, to tell Omay'gane, that if he left the shore without coming to see him he would fire the Cannon at him, when Omay'gane received this Message he went to the Fort, The Commandant told him to return to his Village and not to go to Saint Joseph's; he treated them and mentioned to them among many other things that the English were poor and weak in America, and that their Charity to the Indians could not last much longer, in consequence of the American Commanding Officers Conduct to the above Chief but few of his Nation have visited this post this season, they have however sent word that they will come when they have made their Gardens, which excuse they never before sent, tho they have always made Gardens —

Capt. Muir M^{re}g

Commandy Fort S Joseph Signed)

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Your most Obedt

Humble Serv^tCharles Chabiller
Interpreter