

Josephs 4th Feb^y 1810

Dear Sir,

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When I wrote you last, little did I think that my next would be to inform you, that I had been suspended as Store Keeper & Interpreter in the Indian Department by the commanding Officer of this Post Capt. Tho^s Dawson: by the order of Suspension herewith enclosed you'll observe that I'm suspended until such time as the Commander in Chief please is known is no notice whatever taken of His Excellency Lieut. Gov. Gore or the Superintendent or Dep^y Sup^t General.

The Keys of the store haven't as yet been demanded but have reason to believe will soon be. That to say on Mr. Adette's arrival from St. Marie's for according to the Garrison Orderly Book a copy herewith enclosed, it's expressly mentioned that he has been appointed to succeed me & that I'm not on any account to quit the Post without previously having obtained leave for that purpose. I named Charles Spinard Job whom I wrote about in my last is the Interpreter Pro Tem. & now I'm under his directions to the Indians for these three days past.

It would require nearly a quire of Paper to give you a circumstantial account of this malicious man's proceedings in procuring base, mean, false allegations & accusations in order to subvert me & attain the object of his malicious views.

The first accusation was preferred by Lieut. Dixon & is an unjust one, it's stated for deficiencies of weight on Tobacco issued the 16th Sept last at which ^{time} there was no issue of store of that date. The case is thus on the 16th Oct. I took a requisition for presents for 104 Indians to the commanding Officer to approve which he did & then went to the store attended by the Officer of the day Lieut. Dixon accompanied by my son who had always been in the habit of acting as Assistant & after having weighed seventeen pounds tobacco in the presence of the Officer & my son, that being the quantity required in the requisition I divided it into thirteen lots or parcels as well as I possibly could there being 13 families or bands to receive the same & the 13th lot was deficient of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb on which L^t Dixon said he would not sign the Voucher unless I made up the deficiency I stated to him that I could not possibly cut the tobacco as to leave no deficiency but that the whole quantum of seventeen pounds was in the 13 lots, & immediately put the whole again into the scale in the presence of Capt. Dawson & showed him that there was no deficiency; however Lieut. Dixon would not sign the Voucher unless I put $\frac{1}{4}$ lb to the last lot or parcel. Capt. Dawson told L^t Dixon that he was unreasonable & if I would give $\frac{1}{4}$ lb tobacco more he would approve or give me an order for