

to receive the thanks of my commanding officer and also my appointment in the Indian Department from His Excellency the Commander of the Forces; if in this case I had acted dishonestly there were amongst those who accompanied me some who would gladly have had an opportunity to charge me with it at the time; There is only one man that I know of at Pontanyishine who accompanied me on this duty, named Francois Secord, and who I was compelled to knock down with my sword to prevent a serious quarrel with the Winabagoes -

With regard to my having received presents from the Indians, you must be aware that formerly it was one of the Indian Department regulations, to receive presents from the Indians on the Public account and to return them goods out of the Indian Store in lieu; in 1816 or 17 having charge of the Indian Stores I received a quantity of sugar and in obedience to the existing regulations sent it to the Br. S. General of Indian Affairs; But, in 1817 as well as I can recollect, Major Howard of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regt. being in command I reported to him the inconvenience and

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