

on their Return, should it be the intention of Government to continue this indulgence so long. Your sentiments on this head will of course have due Weight and I beg the favor of you to communicate them by this opportunity, that your intention may be clearly understood. Perceiving a considerable number of Indians frequently remain at this Post for a length of time previous to receiving their presents and after being in possession of them at an immense expence to Government and much to their own prejudice, by disposing of both presents and provisions for Rum; there have been even between 150 and 200 Catawattamies & Chippewas here lately from the 11th to the 24th October without any requisition made for their presents and chiefly in a state of intoxication not from any Rum received in the Garrison as I have given positive Orders against it. This being I conceive an Abuse of the Government Bounty and a Circumstance that calls for a remedy, it is my duty to represent it to you as Senior Officer of the Department in this Quarter and I have no doubt of your Acting upon it as may be most conducive to the good of His Majesty's Service. I have recommended to Mr. Elliott to give them their presents as soon as possible after their arrival at the Post and exert his influence to encourage them to depart immediately after receiving them but to no effect. Those abovementioned are I believe Indians who have not the same claim upon Government with many others