

of the closing sentence in his report to Gen. Brock, where he expresses the hope that he has not exceeded his instructions; as indeed he had. Early in September following the affair at Mackinaw, Sir George Prevost, learning that Tanpoint Pothier, an agent of the North West Fur Co., who had been present at St. Joseph island prior to, and at Mackinaw at the capture, had returned to Montreal, requested of Pothier a full account of the affair, which no doubt was eagerly given. His story condensed within our space is as follows: He arrived at St. Joseph from Montreal, July 3, and found the Post garrisoned by a captain, three officers and forty-five men, and 130 indian warriors of the Sioux and their neighbors from west of Lake Michigan, just arrived under their leader, Robert Dickson, in response to a summons from Gen. Brock. On July 9, a messenger arrived from Gen. Brock announcing the declaration of war, and on the 10th Capt. Roberts made a requisition on Mr. Pothier, as the agent of the fur companies, for all the boats, arms and ammunition in his possession. Capt. Roberts also sent messengers to the Sault and to Fort William, 500