

Montreal 4th January 1819

Sir

I have been honored with your letter of the 29th Ultimo, returning the two Monthly Requisition of Presents for Visiting Indians, in this District, from which some Deductions have been made by Command of His Grace, the Governor General. - I must be leave to observe that the last Requisition was made out, much as all the former ones were, under an Idea that it was possible Indian Visitors from the Upper Country might make their Appearance, and render it necessary to have something on hand, to give them, without the delay, and Expence of Provisions &c. that might be occasioned by their Detention, for a further Requisition, and its Approval,

In general, except in Summer, a very small proportion of these Requisitions

Major Bowles

Military Secretary &c &c &c

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