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provisions there will not be necessary, and even that the last requisition may be dispensed with, this is exactly according to my own Opinion signified in my Letter to Mr. McKee and I cannot account for so sudden a change in his sentiments unless it be in consequence of something received from Head Quarters by this last opportunity."

Copy of a Letter from Captain McLean to Colonel McKee dated 20th Oct. 1797

Observing by the Military Secretary's letter to Captain Mayne dated 21st April last that the provisions to be delivered to the Indians at the Chenail Ecarte settlement, must be upon returns made by the Deputy Superintendent General of the number the Families consist of that are to be Victualled and approved by the Officer Commanding at Amherstburg. I have therefore to request that you will have the goodness to furnish such return and should you deem it absolutely necessary that a depot should be fixed there for the Winter, to send a Requisition for that purpose, as I cannot be justified in approving of any other.

As it however appears that the Indians of that Settlement are soon to depart for their Hunting ground and not to return till Spring I cannot see the necessity of sending more provisions there this fall than will be sufficient to carry them to their Hunting places, particularly as they may have provisions on