

MAJOR GLADWIN TO COL. BOUQUET.

*Detroit, Novr. 1, 1763.*

Dear Sir: I am to acknowledge the receipt of your two very kind letters of the 28th August & 29th September. I congratulate you on the drubbing you gave the dogs which does you so much honor—and I doubt not our frontier inhabitants have felt the good effects of it, they never will enter into such a war again, with that confidence they engaged in this, which I believe they would not have undertaken, but for our good subjects the French.

I have had no late accounts from below, the last I received from the General is of the 2nd of July, in which I am ordered to establish the outposts immediately, at the time I received these orders, I knew it was impossible to comply with any part of them, the event shows I was right in my conjectures. I am heartily wearied of my command and I have signified the same to Colonel Amherst, I hope I shall be relieved soon, if not, I intend to quit the service for I would not chuse to be any longer exposed to the villany and treachery of the settlement and Indians.

I hope the General has countermanded his order about the reinforcement you were to send me, because they can be of no use here this advanced season—besides I don't see how they can leave Presque Isle if they get thither, supposing that post was re-established which I believe is not the case, owing to the loss of the sloop but if they should come contrary to expectation, you may be assured Sir, I shall dispatch the Royal Americans immediately, perhaps I may have an opportunity of sending them down, in lieu of other troops that are coming up.

I need not say any thing of our affairs here, as you must have heard enough of it from other hands, but I send you my dispatch to the General open for your perusal, pray let me know what passes in your Department, I shall be happy to hear of your health and welfare & believe me to be,

Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY GLADWIN.

I desire to be remembered to the Gentlemen with you, seal my dispatches to the General and be kind enough to forward them the first opportunity.

Endorsed:

Letter from Major Gladwin to Colonel Bouquet, dated Detroit, 1st November, 1763. Received by the Mohawk Aron the 29th at night.

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