

LIEUT. GEN. DRUMMOND TO SIR GEORGE PREVOST.

(Indians.)

YORK Feb 8th 1815.

SIR

In reference to the latter part of your Excellency's letter of the 27th ultimo relative to the removal of the Western Indians from the Shores of Lake Ontario to the Mississippi, I fully coincide with your Excellency in the propriety of the measure, but I am apprehensive it would be a difficult task to induce them to take the Journey— I have had a conversation with Colonel Claus on the subject, and he conceives they will by no means accede to it— Should, however Lt. Col. McKay have sufficient influence to encourage their change of residence to the shores of Lake Michigan, I consider it would be a most desirable object & I think he might succeed— In which case your Excellency may depend on my using every endeavor to lull to rest any suspicions which might be excited in the minds of the warriors of our desire to shake them off or to avoid the fulfillment of our promises to them.

The most adviseable Route I coincide with your Excellency is by the River St. Clair & I confess I see little at present to prevent their moving in that direction.

Presents do arrive from Montreal but the difficulty of procuring transport from Kingston to this place is so very great that very few have hitherto reached thus far.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Excellency's
most obedient
humble Servant

GORDON DRUMMOND
Lt. Genl.

His Excellency
Sir George Prevost Bart }
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