

It is the intention of the British to assemble for the protection of Malden all they Indians they can get--I do not therefore believe that any attempt will be made by a considerable force upon our settlements to the westward until late in the summer--They may however make demonstrations in that direction to cause a diversion of our force--Col. Russell of the 7th Regt has hitherto commanded under my orders in the Indiana Territory--He is I believe now in Kentucky--I shall order him to Vincennes immediately. As I am convinced that I can render more service by remaining within the settlements in forwarding the recruiting service and organizing the new army--than by returning to the frontier I beg leave to recommend that a Brigd. be sent on to take the command at the Rapids--I have understood that Genl William Clark is to be appointed a Brigd--Having served several years with this gentleman and having a perfect knowledge of his character and talents--I do not hesitate to say that in the kind of warfare in which we are engaged--I had rather have him with me than any other man in the United States.

From the concluding paragraph of your letter I have supposed that it was the intention of the President to permit me to nominate the staff of the N Western Army. I have not however done so and shall wait your further instructions upon the subject.

I have the honor to be with perfect respect
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