

Fort Erie July 31, 1814.

Dear Sir,

I have this morning received yours of the 27th. It is the wish of Maj. Genl. Brown that the eastern Indians should return to the army as soon as possible & that you should send a message to them to this effect without loss of time. At a meeting with the Chiefs 2 days ago they requested that I would send a message to the eastern Indians to return to Buffaloe immediately – They at the same time sent runners to Tonewanta, Tuscarora, Caturagua & Allegany & today many of these Indians are coming in.

The Indians will be promptly paid for their services– Probably as soon as they return. But I cannot myself undertake to settle the question whether they will receive pay for the time they are visiting their homes against the wishes of the Genl & when their services were much needed.

As soon as your health will permit I shall be much gratified to see you here

In haste yours truly

P. B. Porter