

For example, he describes Mr. Croghan's place, four miles from the fort up the Alleghany, as an excellent piece of land or rich bottom, extending from the fort to the place, bounded by a ridge of hills of the distance of less than a mile from the river. "Above Mr. Croghan's is an Indian settlement of the Mingoes. On our return from Croghan's found Kayashuta, a Seneca chief, who had been with Mr. Jennings to the Illinois, and returned with a packet from the Commander at Fort Chartres to Major Murray. I find by the advices that provisions were very scarce and dear; Indian flour five pounds sterling per hundred, and ordinary meat three shillings a pound. The French, on the opposite side of the river in plenty. Indians somewhat unruly. The Ottawas had taken a soldier prisoner at half a mile from the fort. Kayashuta and his party had been after them and discovered their tracks, but could not come up to them."

Then we have an account of an altercation with some one who had given directions contrary to Clarkson's in appropriating a boat to his private use and fitting it up with a cabin. The position taken by Clarkson shows that he was superior in authority at the place and that any interference was a "calling in question the charge with which I am entrusted by the company."

On Sunday August 24th, Mr. Clarkson heard the Chaplain McCleggan preach to the soldiers in the Irse language which he used on alternate Sabbaths with the English.

The mail operations of the time may be conjectured by