The returns made by the Sheriff of the Election held on the 30th inst. reports One hundred & twenty two votes cast in favor of Independence — and not one opposing vote. In a few weeks I propose making arrangement to enable the citizens to Elect delegates to form a convention to form the Constitution &c. By the month of May all arrangements should be completed with us, and we shall be able to despatch the Commissioners to treat with the Society.

The present wants of the Agency, prevent my shipping produce by the Shirley. I shall make immediate arrangements for the payment of the amount stipulated by my predecessor for the Garaway territory. My next object will be to reduce gradually a large proportion of the paper money that is now in circulation, so that the change in government, may not cause a too sudden and great demand upon us. Besides these there are no other claims against the Agency.

I shall cause a portion of the pasturage belonging to the Government farm to be laid off into town lots for such of the last immigrant as will desire them — an increase of the number of Colonist in that neighborhood is necessary for successful defense.

I Remain Very Respectfully
Your obedt. Servant
Saml. F. McGill.

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II. Correspondence Received
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