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The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America  
in the State of Wisconsin

requests the honor of your presence at the

Dedication

of the

Old Indian Agency House

Built one hundred years ago.

at Portage, Wisconsin

Saturday afternoon, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1932, at two o'clock

The House stands about half a mile north east of Portage on the canal, entering from Highway 33

G. ARTHUR GORDON  
SAVANNAH, GA.

October 10, 1932

Dear Mrs. McIntosh,

Thank you very much for your letter of October 7, which reached me today. I wish to thank you also for the invitation from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Wisconsin, which I am sure was sent to me and my family through your good offices.

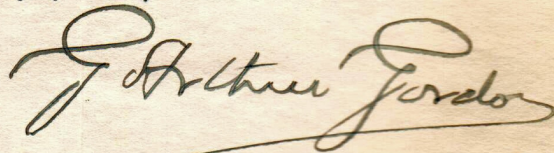
Mrs. Gordon and I would enjoy nothing better than a trip to Portage to participate in the dedication exercises, and we appreciate very much the invitation you so kindly extend us. Unfortunately, it is impossible for either of us to get away at this season of the year.

I am glad that the Girl Scouts have given the mantelpiece, and I am sure that my sister would have been touched and pleased at this evidence of their interest. It is certainly a tribute to her memory.

I enclose a few words which you can submit to Mrs. Halleroak, and if she thinks they are suitable as a greeting, and will tell me in what shape she wishes them put, I shall be glad to comply with her wishes. Please extend my sympathy and my hope that Mr. Halleroak is now on the road to recovery.

With regards and renewed thanks for your very kind invitation,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Arthur Gordon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

Mrs. Charles J. McIntosh,  
1671 North Prospect Avenue,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

G. ARTHUR GORDON  
SAVANNAH, GA.

It has been suggested that it might be appropriate for the grandson of John H. Kinzie and Juliette Magill Kinzie, and the son of Eleanor Kinzie Gordon, and the brother of Juliette Low, Founder of the Girl Scouts of America, to write a word of greeting on the occasion of the dedication of the Old Indian Agency House at Portage, Wisconsin, which has been sponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Wisconsin.

From far away in Savannah, Georgia, we feel a triple bond with Portage, Wisconsin on this occasion, since John H. Kinzie and Juliette Magill Kinzie occupied the Old Indian Agency House during the early months of their married life, and entered into it as their home at the end of a long journey from New England after their marriage. Eleanor Kinzie Gordon, their daughter, was the founder of the National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Georgia, and her daughter, Juliette Low, founded the Girl Scouts of America, and it is a tribute to her memory that the Wisconsin Girl Scouts have given the mantelpiece in the dining room of this building.

Historical celebrations of this character are valuable in emphasizing the heritage which we Americans possess, and the debt we owe to the pioneers who carved our civilization for us out of the wilderness. It is important, too, to emphasize the ties which bind distant parts of this great continent, and to express the hope that with the present speedy means of communication, the citizens of different sections will interchange visits, thus broadening their respective outlooks and doing away with any sectionalism which might impair the future of our great Republic.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

The President and Mrs. Hoover  
find it impossible to accept  
the invitation of  
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Colonial Dames of America  
in the State of Wisconsin  
to be present at the  
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Saturday afternoon, October twenty second  
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