

fifth regiment of U. S. Infantry, and assumed the command of Fort Crawford, and soon after discharged the Galena volunteer company, as they could not well be brought under military discipline. But the Prairie du Chien company was retained in service until some time in the month of August, for which service, through the fault of some one, they never received any pay.

During this time General Atkinson arrived with the troops from Jefferson Barracks, having on his way up dispatched a volunteer force under General Dodge from Galena, to proceed by land to the Portage of Wisconsin. When General Atkinson with great difficulty, owing to the low state of the water in the Wisconsin, arrived at the Portage, he met old gray-headed Day-kau-ray with his band, who finding himself surrounded by the volunteers in the rear, and General Atkinson's force of regulars in front, and a company of volunteers from Green Bay, concluded to disclaim any unfriendly feelings towards the United States, and disavowed any connection with the murders on the Mississippi. Gen. Atkinson, on these assurances of Day-kau-ray, returned, but ordered the occupation of Fort Crawford by two companies of troops. Notwithstanding these murders of our citizens and movements of troops, the wise men at Washington, with about as much judgment as they generally decide upon Indian affairs, decided that this was not an Indian war.

After the people had taken possession of the fort, and before the arrival of General Cass, Indians were seen in the village, and a guard was sent out to take them and bring them to the fort. They made no resistance, but surrendered themselves, and were brought to the guard-house. One proved to be the famous Red Bird, who headed the party that murdered Gagnier and Lipcap; another was Wah-nah-peck-ah, the Indian I had met up the Wisconsin River, and whose conduct had so much alarmed me and my men; the other was a young Indian whose name I do not recollect. There being no charge of crime against Wah-nah-peck-ah and the young Indian, after the United States troops were sta-