

day Col. Morgan held a council with them and the Sioux, who were here. I presume that whatever took place at the council, or was effected by the meeting of the Indians, of any importance, will be communicated to you through the proper channel, by Col. Morgan who acted alone in the measure.

"The Sioux had been waiting the arrival of the Foxes for several days. The Foxes landed at the village on Saturday evening, not later I think than four o'clock. The council was opened the next morning, as I am informed, at ten o'clock; yet no intimation of either time or place of meeting, or that my presence was at all desired, was given, although there was ample time to do so. Throughout the transaction, there has been no consultation had, or co-operation had with the agency. The only communication upon the subject previous to the council and the departure of the Indians, was the simple fact that he had sent for the Foxes, of which I apprised you. I suppose that if any thing occurred of sufficient importance to found a report upon, he will communicate the facts, and in that case, it must appear that the measure was undertaken and carried through without any connection or co-operation with this agency. I have, therefore, given the above statement of facts to show that the absence of co-operation in the affair, was not from neglect of duty or inattention on the part of this agency.

"The information that I have collected on the subject, is this: Some fifteen Foxes from Dubuque mines, all young men except one or two, came up and had a talk with the Sioux and Col. Morgan, in which each expressed a desire to continue the peace which had been concluded between them the last year. The Foxes denied any knowledge of a war party having gone against the Sioux. They said they wished to be at peace, and would not do any act of hostility, but they could not answer for those below—they spoke for themselves only. They smoked and danced together, and parted in apparent friendship and harmony."

The extent of the frontier, and the number of tribes within the agency, kept up an almost incessant excitement as to their affairs,