

and to keep the Government advised of all their movements, required constant vigilance and the writing of numerous letters. Under date of June 13th, 1831, Mr. Burnett writes to Gen. Clark: "I have received, since the last mail from this place, information which I consider entitled to credit, that a war-party of Sioux is now being organized among Wabashaw's band, to go against the Chippewas, by a warrior of some note in that band. I have also understood, that there are a few Menomonees, relatives of those who were killed by the Chippewas in the fall and winter past, now with the band of Sioux. But I have not been able to learn whether they intend joining the Sioux in their expedition or not, but think it probable that some of them will do so."

Under date of June 29th he wrote: "I am informed by Major Langham, who arrived here from below a few days since, that the Winnebagoes of the *Prophet's* village on Rock River, have united with the Sauks and Foxes. The Winnebagoes of the Wisconsin and Upper Mississippi are still peaceable. They are most likely waiting to see the first results of the movements below, and intend to act afterwards according to circumstances.

"Until within two or three weeks past, very few of those Indians have visited this place, for a length of time, fewer, I am told, than usual at this season of the year. Lately a great many of them have been here, the most of whom came down the Wisconsin and have gone up the Mississippi. A great portion of them are old men, women and children. They continue to pass by daily. Many rumors are in circulation as to their present disposition and intention; very few of which are, perhaps, entitled to implicit belief. They have served, however, to give considerable alarm to many of the inhabitants of the Prairie, and many of them begin to think themselves in danger. I have spared no pains to ascertain the disposition of the Winnebagoes here, and have found no evidence of a disposition to hostilities on their part, unless their sending so many of their old men, women and children up the river, and purchasing powder in larger quantities than