

usual for ordinary hunting, should indicate something of the kind.

"I also learned a few days since, that the 'one-eyed Decori' had left his village at Prairie La Crosse, and gone down to the Sauks and Foxes. This was accidentally communicated to my informant by a Winnebago, and is probably true. Decori was down about two weeks since, and called to see me on his return home. His deportment was as usual; I saw no change. In fact, I have not discovered any change in the deportment or appearance of any of them that I have seen. They all appear to be perfectly friendly. None of the traders here think they have any hostile intentions.

"Col. Morgan left the fort for Rock Island on the morning of the 27th inst., with two companies from his post, and two more from Fort Winnebago, under Major Twiggs. He had previously called in all fatigue parties, and put his whole force under a course of training. Much alarm prevails in the mines. The people are arming and preparing for their defense. I do not consider that there is any immediate danger either here or in this vicinity. Much, however, will doubtless depend on the result below. The Sioux and Menomonees are certainly friendly, and against the Sauks and Foxes, would willingly unite with the whites, if permitted to do so. I have heard nothing since my last of a war-party of those Indians against the Chippewas."

On the 24th of October, 1831, Mr. Burnett obtained leave of absence until the ensuing spring, to visit some friends and arrange some business he had left unsettled in Kentucky. In granting this permission, Gen. Street says: "Permit me to avail myself of the present occasion to acknowledge the great support I have received from you in all my official duties, during a period of fourteen or fifteen months, and to assure you of my high regard and unlimited friendship."

Sometime before his departure, Mr. Burnett had written to his friend Dr. C. R. McFall of Keene, Ky., in which he gave some account of the duties and amount of business of an Indian