

Upper Mississippi of a disposition to engage in hostilities with the Sauks and Foxes, Mr. Marsh and myself thought best to call at their village on the river La Crosse, and invite so many as might be disposed to join us on our return, and go with the Sioux and Menomonees to join Gen. Atkinson's army on Rock River. We arrived at the Winnebago village, on the evening of the next day after leaving this post, and that night had a talk with the chiefs and braves upon the subject. Win-o-a-she-kan was opposed to the measure and declined having anything to do with it. He said the Sauks had twice, this season, presented the red wampum to the Winnebagoes at Portage, and that they had as often washed it white, and handed it back to them; that he did not like that red thing; he was afraid of it. Waudgh-ha-ta-kan took the wampum, and said that he with all the young men of the village would go; that they were anxious to engage in the expedition, and would be ready to accompany us on our return.

"The next day we reached Prairie Aux Ailes (Wa-ba-sha), and found the Sioux extensively anxious and ready to go against the Sauks and Foxes. They were intending to make a descent upon them in a few days, if they had not been sent for. They engaged with alacrity in their preparations, but we found it necessary to wait till Monday morning to give them time. We left their village on our return, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, accompanied by the whole effective force of the band, and at La Crosse, were joined by twenty warriors of the Winnebagoes, the remainder of their village to follow the next day, and reached this place to-day, at 2 o'clock P. M., with one hundred warriors; eighty of whom are Sioux, and twenty Winnebagoes. I think from the disposition manifested by the Winnebagoes, that fifty or sixty more of them will be here before the expedition leaves the Prairie, making a force of one hundred and thirty, or one hundred and forty. The Indians, with whom I have met, appear well affected towards the whites, are in fine spirits, and seem anxious to engage with the Sauks and Foxes.

"I made the promise authorized to the Indians of subsistence,