

done, and what I know I designed to do, my acts have tended to thwart the Government, and weaken its influence.

"Without going into a detail of former years, I will state some of the hard services which I performed during the last season—a season pregnant with distress to this frontier. From my return to this agency, in the spring of that year, after a visit to my family and friends in Kentucky, until the termination of the Indian war, I underwent the most unremitting toil and exertion in the discharge of my public duties, and I feel justified in saying, there was no one in any station in this vicinity, who was not actually in the campaign, who endured more fatigue, who performed more laborious and hard service in the public cause, than I did. About the first of June, I visited, by direction of the Indian Agent, the Winnebago and Sioux villages on the Upper Mississippi, for the purpose of raising a band of warriors, to send to the aid of Gen. Atkinson, at his request. I succeeded in the object of the expedition, and returned to this place in six days with about one hundred and fifty warriors. Soon after it was known here, that the hostile Indians had been forced to cross the Wisconsin, and were making their way towards the Mississippi, I was sent by the agent on two different trips to the Winnebagoes above this post, for the purpose of withdrawing them with their canoes to this Agency, before the Sauks and Foxes should reach the Mississippi. These measures were also successful; and although I went in company with a military command from Fort Crawford, I have no hesitation in saying, from my knowledge of those Indians, and from my observations while amongst them, that if I had not gone, the success would not have been complete, unless the Agent had attended to the business in person. I spent the whole night preceding the battle of the Bad Ax, in aiding the preparation of an expedition to be sent up on board the steamboat *Warrior*, which had just come down with information that the hostile Indians had reached the shore of the Mississippi. I visited the Menomonee camp at midnight, and collected a small party of warriors, supplied them with ammunition, and got them, with an