

interpreter, on board the boat, and after wading the Marais three times, I got home and laid down at sunrise to take an hour's rest. I asked permission to take charge of these Indians, and conduct them to the scene of action, but the Agent was unwilling in the then state of affairs at this place, to dispense with my services. The expedition reached the battle-ground in time to share the victory of the day, and one of the Indians whom I sent up was killed in the engagement.

"Soon after the close of the campaign, I was dispatched to St. Louis, at an unhealthy season of the year, and at a time when the whole coast below was panic-stricken at the appearance of the cholera upon our borders, and when I returned, the pestilence was making its most dreadful ravages at Rock Island. On my way down, I communicated to Gen. Scott, then at that post, the first intelligence he had of the capture of Black Hawk and the Prophet. By the time I again reached the agency, I was almost prostrated with fatigue. I had endured four months of the most incessant labor in the public service, at the cost of many entire sleepless nights, and during the whole of the time, the state of my health was so feeble, that under other circumstances, it would scarcely have justified the most ordinary exertion. I do not intend to make even a suggestion as to what has been the value of all these hard services, and the proportion which they bear to my compensation. I only state the facts, and in doing so, express the consciousness which I feel, that throughout all the toil and labor, I was animated by an ardent and sincere desire to subserve the best interests of my country; and that then, and at all other times, instead of contributing to "resist the operations" of the Government, I have been ready, whenever it has been intimated to me, how and where I could be of any service, in effecting any of its views, to render my best exertions and most cordial co-operation. And although I have not had the fortune to see my humble name in the bulletins of that *glorious war*, coupled with the pride and pomp of the preparation, the march or the victory, or noticed in any of the details of the operations of the Department