

in the regulars, and joined Pohlman's company.\* Here about seventy-five Menomonees, under Ma-cha-nah, or *The Hairy Hand*, I-om-e-tah, Kish-kon-nau-kau-hom, or *The Cutting-Off*, and Tomah's son Mau-kau-tau-pee, and a party of about twenty-five Chippewas, mixed with the Menomonees, joined the expedition. Our entire force now consisted of four hundred Indians, and one hundred and fifty whites—such was the understanding at the time; if the newspapers of that day represented it much larger, it was for effect on the part of the British, to impress the Americans with an idea of their great strength in the North-West; and on the part of the Americans, in palliation of their loss of Prairie du Chien.

At length the expedition moved forward up Fox river, the whites in six boats or barges, and the Indians in canoes, and carrying their craft over the Portage, they descended the Wisconsin. Reaching the old, deserted Fox Village, on the Wisconsin, twenty-one miles from Prairie du Chien, the force stopped, while Michael Brisbois, myself, a Sioux and a Winnebago Indian were despatched to Prairie du Chien in the night to obtain a citizen, and bring him to Col. McKay, from whom to obtain intelligence. Descending the river to where the Ferry has since been located, some five or six miles from Prairie du Chien, we went thence across by land, and reached the place without difficulty. We saw the sentinel on duty at the fort. We went to Antoine Brisbois, the uncle of Michael Brisbois, of our party, who lived three miles above the town, and took him to where we left our canoe at the Ferry place, then called *Petit Gris*. There we awaited the arrival of Col. McKay and his force, and they made their appearance the next morning, when the sun was about an

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\*This was the only military service of J. J. Porlier, who remained with his company all winter; and the next year, when peace was proclaimed, Captain Pohlman evacuated Fort McKay, at Prairie du Chien, and returned with his company to Mackinaw. Porlier then left the service, engaged in trade at Green Bay, raised a family, and died at Grand Kau-kau-lin in 1838.