

Red Whale said "no," and added: "I'll send my young men for it, as it must have caught in the brush." But Lieut. Pike persisted in his determination to punish the negligent soldier. Red Whale drew his knife, and said: "I will stick the first one that strips that soldier." The "stars and stripes" were brought forward, the man released; and Red Whale lectured the lieutenant for having been himself the cause of the flag's loss. "You knew," said he to Pike, "that it was a black night; we could not see the length of my arrow. Any one might have taken it away. You knew the wind was strong enough to tear it to pieces, and you should have taken it into your tent."

With this cutting reproof, Red Whale thought all was settled, and he went to his camp; but soon another rumpus was heard in the American encampment, and he ran there with all haste. He found the man again tied to the tree, ready for the nine tails. "I told you," said Red Whale, "not to hurt this man. You have got your flag. What more has he done?" "Nothing," was the reply, "but he must be punished." "I say no," retorted the Sioux chief; "white man's blood shall not stain my land—unloose him." "No," replied Pike, "he must be flogged." "I say he must not," said Red Whale, and gave the shrill war whoop. A portion of his warriors were quickly at his side, whom he ordered to cut the string, and let the soldier go. It was soon done, and Red Whale turning to the officer, said:

"Young man! my name is Onketah-Endutah. I know all that happens for many a day's journey around me. It was your fault, and not the soldier's, that your flag floated down the river. Now I warn you, if you hurt this man during the winter, I will make a hole in your coat when you come back in the spring. Go now; you may tell all the Sioux you meet, that Red Whale desires them to be kind to you and your soldiers, and give you plenty to eat; but as I have warned you, beware of hurting that man's back."

The Lower Sioux at this time consisted of six bands, to wit: That of Waubeshaw, or The Leaf, the most respected, as he had been twice to Quebec, where he had received medals, flags and other presents, which the Sioux remembered with gratitude to this