

day. Their offspring are at this moment as fond of and loyal to the British government as their ancestors were. Whoo-pah-Endutah,¹ or Red Wing,² who was famed for foretelling events, was at the head of one of the bands; Red Whale another; Shockope, or The Six, another; Kahhaigegad, or Little Crow, and Thunder the remaining two bands. Red Thunder, in fact was not considered as fixedly attached to any particular band or locality; but his was a roving, friendly band, welcome any and everywhere.

About the year 1810, whether from a prospect of war, or what, I know not, the Americans would not permit British traders, though we were willing to pay the duties on them as usual, to carry goods into the Indian country within the territory of the United States. This was bad news. The Montreal merchants had landed their goods, as formerly, at the island of St. Joseph, a British garrisoned outpost, forty-five miles distant from Mackinaw; and Indian traders were waiting for their outfits, without which the Indians would be great sufferers. All arguments failed; "Jonathan" would not permit us to enter his territory.

After a brief consultation, eight of us [in the autumn of 1810], formed a league or partnership, with the intention of running the blockade, or sinking our all in the adventure. The parties to this arrangement were: Robert Dickson of Queenstown, U. C., head man; Allen Wilmot, T. G. Anderson, Jacob Franks, Joseph Rolette, John Lawe, James and George Aird, of Prairie du Chien. Seven well-filled boats, containing, altogether, about £10,000 worth of goods, were in a few days in readiness, with about one hundred guns, all loaded and distributed conveniently on the boats for ready use, in case of an attack by American soldiers from the Mackinaw garrison. We started early in the morning,

¹ Endutah, red—whoopah, wing; onketah, whale, and endutah, red; Wackhaw-thunder—endutah, red; hence Red Wing, Red Whale, and Red Thunder.

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² Pike in his *Travels*, p. 23, mentions Red Wing, in September 1805, as "the second war-chief in the nation. He made me a speech, and presented a pipe, pouch and buffalo skin. He appeared to be a man of sense, and promised to accompany me to St. Peter's: he saluted me, and had it returned. I made him a small present."

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