

bread, and two quarts water per day, till further orders. At three in the afternoon, eight canoes of Renards came, and landed at the entrance of the Marais, a little below the Prairie. From there, the chief with another came up and asked leave to offer some scalps they had brought. I gave them leave, and they returned for their canoes. This being the Prince Regent's birthday, put off practicing at the cannon till tomorrow. The small store of powder we have here, prevented our firing the customary salute on this day. At four, the canoes arrived, and asked to speak with me. I told the Indians to repair to the house lately belonging to Mr. Boilvin. The head man, not a chief, got up and gave me his hand, saying: "My father, we are ashamed to present you with these scalps (holding four scalps in his hand) because we did not kill them ourselves; but got three of them from our friends, the Sauks, and one we picked up on our way here—a man, that we supposed your guns had killed, in the gun-boat where you fought; he was lying on a sand bank." (Then presenting me with a few articles of American clothing), said: "We give you these few things, to wish you a good day, as they came from the enemy, hoping you will give us some assistance." Another Indian rising and showing me his leather breech-cloth, said, "My father, I beg of you some little assistance; you see how miserable I am off, being obliged to wear a leather petticoat."

To these requests I gave the following answer: "I am happy to see you, but am much chagrined that I have not a mouthful of provisions to give you. As for powder, tobacco, and goods, you need not speak of these articles, for your father" (alluding to Col. McKay), "after the battle of the Rapids, and previous to his departure, gave to the Sauks and Renards twenty kegs of gunpowder and fourteen bales of goods, to be distributed among such Indians of these nations as we knew to be good subjects, and must support. But in the space of twenty or twenty-five days there will be a strong reinforcement of troops here, and plenty of ammunition and other goods. Those Indians that merit support, will have it amply; but those that are attached to the Americans, as many of the Renards are, will be treated as we treat bad dogs."