

At half past four, Lieut. Brisbois arrived, having been below the Rapids of the Riviere des Moines, with the prisoners. He brought nothing new. At sundown the fatigue party I sent for the barges arrived, with the two barges, having received no injury.

SATURDAY, August 13th, 1 P. M.—A Sioux canoe arrived from above, bringing word that Feuille's band, in drinking their rum, fought much but without arms, among themselves. They were about to kill the Aile Rouge, or Red Wing, but he ran away. At four, the Renards, that gave me four scalps yesterday, assembled and requested of me to return them the scalps, observing that they were the enemies' scalps that we had killed with our little cannon; but that I did not want such trophies, as we never took off the scalps of our enemies. Speaking of their loyalty, I answered them that it was not possible to depend upon their nation in general; that I knew that there were some good subjects among them, but many bad ones. That when they saw Robert Dickson, how they came and cried to him for support; and as soon as their English Father was fond of his children he always assisted them; but their misfortune was, that as soon as his back was turned, and they saw the Americans, some among them immediately raised their war-clubs over our heads. I am sorry to speak to you in this way, but necessity requires it, as I do not know the good from the bad. When your English Father speaks to his well-known good children, he does it with an open hand and heart; but when he knows he speaks to bad subjects, he does it with an *arm* in his hand. But the time is drawing near when a fire will be kindled, as in a meadow where there are stout trees. The bad hay will be burned down, and the fire will protect the stout trees, and leave them to grow without being annoyed.

SUNDAY, August 14, 12 o'clock.—Went out to the farms to inquire about mills, in order to get some flour made immediately. The mills are in bad order, but they will get them repaired; and as soon as the harvest gets in, they will begin to grind the wheat. At three, returned and found two of the Michigans drunk. They had stolen rum out of a keg that had been issued for a party