

unteers, I sent for him, liberated the two Michigans, and put him in their place. The Michigans deserved, perhaps, to be more rigorously punished; but their crops being my principal support would not admit of my being too strict with them for the present. At five, a canoe of Puants arrived from their village on the Ouisconsin. Kept a party at work making swivel bullets. Finished covering the house. At half past eight the Volunteer in the guard-house was on the point of, and threatened to break out, when I ordered him to be put in irons.

WEDNESDAY, August 17th.—Got the artificers at work widening the passage through the fort, but could not complete it entirely. At 9 P. M. the Feuille, or Leaf, arrived with five of his young men. He had heard by the Renards that the Americans were coming up, and that cannon had been heard firing below the Rock River lately, and that a barge had arrived from Mackinaw. The report of the firing of the cannon we knew to be false. Lieut. Brisbois has just come from there, and if a barge had arrived from Mackinaw, no doubt we would have had letters from there. Those vagabonds made this news in hopes to make themselves pass for friendly Indians.

THURSDAY, August 18th.—At ten, the Feuille came to the fort, when I told him the talk I had held with the Renards, the whole of which, he agreed, was perfectly right. I gave him the four scalps I got from the Renards. He told me, that in the course of a few days, he would send down to hear the news, and after that, he would come down himself with the men of his band to wait the arrival and command of his father, Robert Dickson. I gave him a few loaves of bread, and he went off. At two o'clock this morning, John Campbell, of the Volunteers, having repeatedly refused to do duty, I sent the Corporal of the guard with two men, and brought him up. In questioning him and asking his reasons for his not attending, he said he would not mount guard as long as he could get work to gain anything by. I told him he had better do his turn of duty with the others. He immediately mounted his high horse, and began to talk in a high tone, when I commanded him to be silent. He became insolent, and told me he did not care a d—n for me. I ordered him to the guard-house.