

barges, follow them up here, with a party on each side of the river, and annoy them if they debark to camp, to get wood, or otherwise; and by the time they reach here, I will have a strong reinforcement of Indians. Before they can reach here, the reinforcement will perhaps be out from Mackinaw, when you, our Sauk friends, will be all well supplied with ammunition and everything else.

"I am very sorry I cannot take upon myself to furnish the Sauks with any more ammunition; but let them take courage, and act as bravely as they did when they drove back the American gun-boats, and they may depend upon ample support, perhaps more than they can possibly expect, when the reinforcement comes out. When Black Hawk and the Sauk chiefs send expresses in the future, send people that can give the particulars of anything that is going on, and not young men that can give no information at all. The young men that brought me the pipe could neither tell me where the enemy were seen, their number of boats, nor anything more than merely they were coming. The pipe, you say, the Sauks sent to be left with me. I will keep it as a token of their good intentions, and will deliver it to their father, —the Red Head,¹ as soon as he arrives."

At twelve, the Sauk chief, Thomas, arrived. Two canoes having left the village previous to the arrival of this news there, he could give me no further assurance. He met Lieut. Graham within a few miles of the Rock River, and says he will be back here tomorrow or next day.

MONDAY, August 22d.—At six in the morning, it began to rain hard, and thundered a good deal. Rainy weather all day. At eight in the evening a Sioux canoe arrived with one man and three women; nothing new. Issued thirty-seven pairs Indian shoes to the Volunteers, and drilled the people.

TUESDAY August 23d.—Got a number of men thrashing

¹ Col. Robert Dickson. Capt. Wm. Powell, who knew Dickson well, told me the Indians called him the *Red Haired Man*. The American Indians were accustomed, in after years, when Gov. Wm. Clark, of Missouri, became the superintendent of Indian affairs in the Northwest, of designating him as *Red Head*, as he had sandy hair.