

gun, and shortly after they will fire three shots. This will be a signal to let me know who they are. In asking assistance from the Indians, you will tell them if they go with you and bring up the boat, they will be amply recompensed when the reinforcement arrives from Mackinaw. Wishing you a short and successful passage, I am, sir, etc.,

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Com'd'g.

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FORT MCKAY, August 21st, 1814.

Lieut. GRAHAM:

*Sir*:—Last evening three Renards arrived here with a pipe, sent, they say, by the Sauks, to tell me the Americans were on their way up here; but the express could [not] tell me what number of barges were coming, nor where they were seen. I will thank you to make particular inquiry of the Sauks, where the pipe came from; and tell them if they send in future, to send people that can be depended upon to give every information. They asked for ten kegs of gun-powder, and guns—two articles that they are already well supplied with. I, therefore, gave them none.

Get certain and particular information before you send or return. You will tell the Indians, in case the enemy are coming up, to follow them by land, on each side of the Mississippi, and annoy them as much as possible; at the same time not to waste their ammunition in firing random shots. They requested me to go down and meet the enemy at the Rock River. This being impossible, for several reasons, I refused them positively. If you cannot get the gun-boat, use every means to destroy it.

Yours, etc.,

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Com'd'g.

At four A. M., a Puant arrived with Francois La Pointe's horse, that had been stolen by the Puants.

SATURDAY, Sept. 3rd.—A cool pleasant morning, but foggy.

To Lieut. GRAHAM:

*Sir*:—You will receive by interpreter Grignon, five hundred and twenty pounds of flour, all that I can possibly muster. Indian report says, that Robert Dickson left Mackinaw a long time ago for this place. I have been waiting now three days, in hopes of certain information on that head, to no purpose. If you think it is necessary, you can remain a few days longer than the term mentioned in your instructions of the 26th ult. I am very anxious to hear from you. I refer you to Mr. Grignon for further particulars. In hopes shortly to receive flattering news from you, I am, sir, etc.,

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Com'd'g.

SUNDAY, Sept. 4th.—At ten the militia assembled as usual. I thanked the inhabitants of St. Friole, by way of encouraging them, for having furnished what little flour they had done. Having heard a rumor that the Volunteers were about to take their