

discharge when on parade, I represented to them the disgrace that would attend such a step, etc. They made no reply, and continued their duty for the present. At three A. M., two Renard canoes arrived, with six men and several women and children. By way of getting provisions and ammunition, they fabricated a story that the detachment gone below, had surrendered to the Americans. Knowing this to be a base falsehood, I abused the cowardly villians, as they deserved, and gave them nothing. This afternoon a canoe of Renards from above was seen by old La Pointe, to go down the river behind the island. He did not give me notice till late in the evening.

MONDAY, Sept. 5th.—The Renards that arrived yesterday, went off above.

TUESDAY, Sept. 6th.—Finding that one Fontaine had a mare and a young colt here, and that he had been in the Illinois three years, I ordered the mare to be taken (the colt being only this Spring's) and broke in for the King's service.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 7th.—At four, four Sauks, old men, arrived from the Rock River, bringing the following communications from Capt. Graham, viz.:

ROCK RIVER, September 3, 1814.

Capt. THOS. G. ANDERSON:

*Sir*.—Agreeably to your orders of the 26th of last month, I proceeded with all expedition for this place, which I reached on the 29th of the same month. Although there is no apparent danger, our coming here has given more satisfaction to the Sauks than if all the goods in the King's store in Mackinaw had been sent them, as they are now firmly convinced that their English Father is determined to support them against the ambition and unjust conduct of their enemies. I made known to them the intention of the expedition, to which they answered that, if we should come to action, they would stand by us to the last man. One hundred and twenty-two men, Sioux, Renards and Puants, arrived here the day before yesterday. The whole of the Indians appear to be much animated to meet the enemy, and I think with what force we have to be able to repulse any party that the enemy will be able to send this way.

I have not been able to obtain any satisfactory information of the enemy coming up. Four days ago, five Indians that went down on discovery, returned. They were as far as Cap au Gris. They say, at that point there is a small fort, which I suppose to be Fort Independence. There was a considerable number of men in and around it, with two large gunboats at anchor before it. Whether this force is stationed there to guard their frontiers, or