

case of your being successful, and take any prisoners, use every effort to preserve them; and if your stock of provisions will admit, bring such prisoners up here, to be sent on to Mackinaw. I am, sir,

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Com'dg.

N. B. You will receive this by the return of the Sauks you sent up here, who leave here to-morrow morning. T. G. A.

THURSDAY, Sept. 8th.—The Sauks that arrived with the communication from Lieut. Graham, set off with dispatches at eight o'clock in the morning. Previous to their setting out, I gave them each a blanket, a breech-clout, and a knife, they being four in number. They went off highly pleased.

FRIDAY, Sept. 9th.—At three in the afternoon, six Puant canoes arrived from the Ouisconsin, with La Gruness, and the Old Wolf. They brought word that a Folle Avoine woman from Mackinaw brought news to the Bay, that when she left the post, the American fleet was in sight of Mackinaw. How long since, or what was their force, she knew nothing about.

SATURDAY, Sept. 10th.—At one o'clock P. M., five Sioux arrived from the Rock River, bringing news that Lieut. Graham, with the detachment under his command, and the Indians, had attacked and defeated eight large American gun-boats at the Rock River; had taken neither prisoners nor anything else. At five in the afternoon, a young Sauk, who had set off from the Rock River express with two Sioux and a Renard, but having tired them out, arrived here alone with dispatches from Lieut. Graham, as follows:

ROCK RIVER, Sept. 7th, 1814.

Capt. THOMAS G. ANDERSON—

*Sir*:—I mentioned to you in my letter of the 4th inst., by the information I had from the Indians, that the enemy were within thirty leagues of this place on their way up. As soon as I found out their strength, I concluded the place of their destination must be La Prairie du Chien. The Rapids was the only place where we could attack such a force to any advantage. On the 5th inst., we moved to the west side of the island, and took our position at the narrowest part of the channel, the only place where they could pass at that point. We were determined to dispute the road with them, inch by inch.

They appeared in sight at 4 o'clock P. M. with a strong fair wind. There were eight large boats, four of which were equal in size to the one that made her escape from the Prairie. The largest of them had a white flag flying at her mast head. When they came to the head of Credit Island, about two