

above, with news that the Sioux would all leave their villages on the 14th inst., to come and wait at the place I told them till further orders, except the Little Corbeau with his lodge, who would come and camp here. This chief sent word to the Renards above this, that his Father had told him to destroy the Americans as much as lay in his power, and he knew these Renards to be Americans; but at the same time they were related to the Sioux, on which account he warned them to be out of his way when he should come down. That he would be down with a detachment, and intended to hunt Americans all winter; and that whatever of that description came in his sight he would cut down. When the Americans were here, they sent a carrot of tobacco to each village except his, saying they knew him to be too good an Englishman to be induced to join them. The Little Corbeau said he was quite proud of the honor they did him; but as it was done with a view to despise him, he could not forget it on that account, and the only means of retaliation he had, was to make his young men take a few scalps, which he would have done before the Spring.

FRIDAY, Sept. 16th.—Got word of some Puants having killed an ox, and that they were drying the meat a short distance below the entrance to the Ouisconsin. By allowing them to go on in this way without trying to prevent it, they would in a short time destroy all the cattle in this region, and leave us destitute of provisions, I therefore, ordered Lieut. Brisbois, of the Indian Dep't., with one interpreter and four men, to go to their lodge and take whatever meat they had, and order them away.

FORT MCKAY, Sept. 16, 1814.

Lieut. BRISBOIS—

*Sir:*—Some Puants, camped a short distance below the entrance of the Ouisconsin, having, in defiance of the orders they have received to the contrary, killed, within this day or two, an ox belonging to a citizen of this place, you are requested to go immediately, with one interpreter and four of the Volunteers, to order them away from this, and take what beef they may have remaining. Yours, etc.,

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

At six, Lieut. Brisbois returned bringing with him a little dried meat, and some tallow. I gave the meat to those that had been