

to bring it, and the tallow I kept for the use of the guns. Lieut. Brisbois brought word that the Puants expected to have been taken, and confined in the garrison. They said they were surprised that we complained that they killed an ox; that we would be more surprised when their Father arrived from Mackinaw, for then they would neither leave an ox, cow, or horse in the village.

SATURDAY, Sept. 17th.—Lieut. Graham, when at Rock River, found some of the Missouri Indians there, who came with an intention to see the Superintendent; and finding that they behaved themselves so well in the action, he promised them some trifling articles from the King's store. I, accordingly, mustered what I could, and set off interpreter, Guillroy, with them, ordering, at the same time, that he should remain with the Sauks in case any news should be received of the enemy's coming up, to get ocular information, and immediately to bring me word.

SUNDAY, Sept. 18th.—At ten, assembled the troops as usual, and read to them the contents of Lieut. Col. McDouall's letter as far as it regarded them. I then spoke to them in the following manner: "After reading the contents of Lieut. Col. McDouall's letter to you as far as it regards Michigan Fencibles, Volunteers, etc., I now take the opportunity to thank the detachments in general that defeated the eight American gun-boats at the Rock River, for their good and spirited conduct during their absence from this place, and do not make the smallest doubt but they will receive the thanks of Lieut. Col. McDouall. I also take this opportunity of explaining to you all, the orders of the day, in which you will find the demands made upon the different corps; and as it is for the preservation of this place in general, and for the good of His Majesty's service, I have not the smallest doubt but my demands will be executed without a murmur. From your good conduct, and attention to your duties since the Michigans and Volunteers so nobly possessed themselves of this fort, and delivered the citizens of this place from an enemy, the presence of which was most aggravating to them, I have every reason to believe I shall not be under the necessity of going to extremities, a most disagreeable task to one who wishes his fellow-soldiers and Volunteers everything that is good and glorious."