

At twelve, a Sioux woman from above, brought word, that a party of Gens de Feuille, with some Yanetons of the Riviere des Moines, numbering about forty men, were near the Feuille's village, destined for the war-path; but they did not know where the Feuille, or Leaf, was; and having been notified not to go alone, he went with his warriors to know what were the intentions of this party. No news since.

About two o'clock, hearing that Winosheek, an old Puant, was in possession of a pipe and wampum for the Sioux, I inquired what was the intention of it. The old man brought it to my room, and showed it to me, saying it was to ask permission of the Sioux to winter on their lands between this and the Riviere des Sioux; not to go to war on the Sotrax [Sauteurs, or Chipewas], but, on the contrary, to request all Indians, of what nation soever, to join hands, and not allow an American to come this far. How true this is, I know not.

MONDAY, Sept. 19th.—Five Sauks arrived about ten o'clock with news that the enemy were at the entrance of the Riviere des Moines, but uncertain what were their number, or whether they were making a fort, or on their way up here. I, therefore, await interpreter Guillroy's return, to decide what I will do—whether to go and meet them, or wait their arrival here. At 12, set off interpreter Renville to notify the Sioux to keep themselves in readiness, and to assemble from the Prairie a La Crosse downwards to hunt till further orders.

TUESDAY, Sept. 20th.—Nothing of consequence. A party of militia at work at the fort. Engaged Charles La Pointe at ten shillings a day to oversee and finish the doubling of some part of the garrison [pickets] where they are weak. The three guns kept constantly drilling. Bought a horse to draw the six-pounder.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21st.—At two P. M., the barge arrived from Portage with the ordnance stores, and powder and tobacco for the Indian Department. A case of round shot for the three-pounder wanting, and nearly a keg of powder; and one-third of a roll tobacco belonging to the Indian Department missing. About four in the afternoon six Renards, of the Barboulliers'