

band, arrived from above to learn the news. They brought a pipe, and the following speech from the Barboullier:

"My Father, why have you not confidence in me? I am yours. In everything you do, I wish to be with you. I can only die once, and the only death I look for is alongside of you. I expected you would have sent me word to tell me the enemy were coming up. I send you my pipe to tell you my ideas, and at the same time to know yours.

My Father, if there are any bad birds, do not, I beg of you, number me with them. I have hold of your hand, and will never let it slip; but will follow your road as long as I live. Send me word what you intend doing. I am ready to follow you. When I went to meet the bad dogs last time at the Rock River, I had but a few mouthfuls to give my warriors, but now I have really too much—what might make a good feast. My young men are numerous, stout, and hungry."

I replied: "My brethren you must not call me Father. You have only one Father in this country, that is the Red Head, Robert Dickson, the others are all your brethren. The moment that the Sauks arrived from below, and told me they had seen the enemy, they supposed, on their way up here, I sent off an interpreter with them to inform all the Indians he should see on his way up, till he should meet the Little Corbeau, of the news the Sauks brought. At the same time, to request all to repair to Prairie a la Crosse, to await the return of interpreter Guillroy, whom I sent down some days ago to gain certain information of the enemy. That on his return, I would again send and notify all the Indians whether I would go, and meet the enemy below, or await them here; and that I had not the smallest doubt, from their courageous conduct heretofore, but they would be all ready at a moment's warning. I then informed them of the news from Mackinaw, etc. Capt. Dease gave them a little powder and tobacco, and they went off at seven o'clock in the evening. In the course of the day, I went out to the inhabitants to purchase flour, but could procure none. There are only two days rations of that article in the garrison.