

injure the people here in killing what few Americans yet remain. The Bardack, or Renard, that I yesterday requested to remain to hear the news from the Little Corbeau himself, being present, he told them that what he had said respecting the American Indians was true; but as to speaking in general terms against others, he intended to say, that he regarded every Indian and white soldier, no matter of what color, as long as they were British subjects as his brother—the rest his inveterate enemies, and would act with the greatest vigor towards both accordingly. He then said: “I wish to talk with my friend, the Bardack; but as I am only on a visit in the house of a brother soldier, I can say nothing; however, I will thank you not to go away today, and I will do myself the pleasure to invite you and talk over the affairs of our nations in general, at my own wigwam or lodge.” I gave them each a glass of whisky, and among the whole, forty loaves of bread, which I got with much difficulty.

THURSDAY, Sept. 29th.—At about three in the morning, it began to rain excessively, and thundered and lightened very much. At ten, the Little Corbeau sent for me to visit his lodge with the Renards. He related to the Renards all the talks he had got from his Father, saying he looked upon all people, no matter of what nation, so long as they were British subjects, as his brethren. “I sent word,” said he, “to the Renards, at the Riviere des Ayovois [Iowas], when they heard of my coming down, to be out of the way, that my Father told me to strike everything American that came in my way; but the soldier you see here, together with the advice of the Feuille, have made me withhold my war-club till my Father arrives; then if he says, strike, I will do so with the greatest good will and violence; and if he tells me to withhold it, I will do it, but never without his request. My opinion is, the nearer we are related, the better we ought to love each other; and when relations fall out, our revenge ought to be the more violent.” Presenting the Renards with a pipe, he said: “Take this soldier’s pipe, and report to all the Sauks and Renards my discourse and my determination, and tell them from me that it is not a good time to be idle or sporting, but every man must follow my example. If any