

are my enemies, let them show themselves, and let my friends do the same."

He then gave them the pipe, and we ate a mouthful, after which the Renards answered as follows: "As to my Father's talks, we know that all that comes from his mouth is true and good. In every village we find some fools. I have frequently spoken to our relations, the *Jeune Homme* and *Tonnerre Noir*, but have not been able to bring them to reason. I shall go tomorrow with your pipe, and deliver them your discourse. I hope they may open their ears; but let the consequence be what it may, this is the last time I shall counsel them. If they listen to me, so much the better; but if they absolutely persist in evil conduct, and will not leave it in our Father's power to give life to their women and children, I shall then be ready with you to follow our Father's directions. I have killed Americans, and am always awake, with my *cass-tete* or tomahawk in my hand for that purpose."

I then told them I was happy to see them give such friendly proofs of their relationship, and that as long as they continued in the same sentiments they should not want; that I was not left here to give advice, or counsel, with my red brethren, but to take care of this fort and the people about it; that I listened to everything that was going forward, and wrote it down, that their Father might see it, and that I had not the smallest doubt but their Father would be pleased with their present discourse. I then turned to the Renards, and told them when they heard the Little Corbeau speak, they heard the talk of the whole Sioux nation, and that he must be respected and hearkened to.

FRIDAY, September 30th.—Nothing material, except that two men, having been out hunting, saw three Puant lodges at the entrance of the Ouisconsin, who told them that they had heard by other Indians that Robert Dickson was near the Portage, and that the Puants were assembling at the Portage to meet him.

SATURDAY, October 1st.—At seven, Duncan began to make the chimneys. He is to have a man to assist him continually, and to get four hundred livres for each chimney, to be finished the 15th, and should be supplied with one hundred pounds of pork, and