

at the same time told them the reason why I did so. The Sioux finished playing at the crosse. It is with the greatest difficulty the Commissary procures provisions for the troops.

THURSDAY, Oct. 6th.—A beautiful morning. At nine o'clock one canoe with six men, arrived from the Feuilles' band for a little powder and tobacco. Though much in want of those articles, I have none to give them, and Capt. Dease's long stay below obliges them to return in the morning without this very necessary assistance.

FRIDAY, Oct. 7th.—The Feuilles' young men did not depart, in expectations that Capt. Dease would return. At twelve, released Pierre Vasseur and Jacques Hebert from the guard-house, as also Pierre Provancall; but confined them to the square on hard labor, the first for eight days, the second for six days, and the last for four days. The numerous Indian tribes about the village, quite destitute of tobacco and ammunition, are, in a manner, in distress, and Robert Dickson's arrival is much wished for by all ranks and colors.

SATURDAY, Oct. 8th.—Capt. Dease's unexpected long absence obliges me to order Lieut. Graham to issue a little tobacco to the Sioux, who are absolutely in want.

Fort MCKAY, Oct. 8, 1814.

Lieut. GRAHAM—

*Sir:*—The absolute necessity the Sioux are in for that article, and Capt. Dease's long absence, makes it necessary for me to order that you will immediately issue to Little Corbeau, twenty pounds of tobacco, of that which Capt. Dease left in your charge, to be distributed in the Feuille and Little Corbeau's bands, as they think proper. I am, etc.,

THOS. G. ANDERSON, Capt. Com'd'g.

SUNDAY, October 9th.—At eight, yesterday morning, Capt. Dease arrived from below. Brought interpreter Guillroy with him, who had been at the American fort at the Rapids of the Riviere des Moines, and brings word that they have built a fort exactly opposite that river; that it is about fifty yards square; that they saw three men about the fort, two of whom he supposed were looking for honey; the other was about their boats. They have uncovered their boats for lumber to cover their houses.

Some of the Volunteers refused to take corn for their rations;