

cattle remaining; but I think it advisable to keep them for the present in case of an attack. The numerous bands of Indians that are daily assembling here, are anxious for Robert Dickson's arrival, not only in hope of receiving supplies of ammunition, etc., to support them during the Winter, but in hopes there may be an expedition sent down the Mississippi. The satisfaction afforded the Indians on hearing Robert Dickson's talk to them through Capt. Dease, was very great, and animated them exceedingly.

The mechanics I have employed about the garrison, etc., being poor people that live by their daily labor, I get them paid at short intervals by Mr. Brisbois, who has been very obliging in that way, and has furnished everything in his power for the use of the Government. I am particularly under obligations to him for furnishing flour to the troops during the time the inhabitants were getting in their harvest. The militia in general have been attentive, and have assisted, when occasion required, to work at the garrison. The crop of wheat, and Indian corn, has, by no means, been so good as was expected; and if the troops are all obliged to winter here, there will be a deficiency of those articles.

Four Sauks have this moment arrived from the Rock River, and report that a party of their nation, and Kickapoos, that had been at war on the Missouri, returned six days ago to their village. After having attacked an American gun-boat about thirty leagues below the Riviere des Moines, and could make nothing of it, they proceeded to the Missouri, where they took two scalps and on their way back, saw six gun-boats coming up, but cannot say whether they are destined for the fort at Cap au Gris, twenty leagues above St. Louis, or the one at the Riviere des Moines. The Sauks, since Capt. Dease took them the supply of gun-powder, are daily detaching themselves by small parties to lay in wait for the workmen about the new fort.

On examining the ordnance stores, sent out by Lance Corporal Haywood, there proves a deficiency of a whole case of three pound round shot, thirty rounds less than mentioned in Sergeant Pilmore's account. I take the liberty to enclose to you three different lists of officers and men that were here present, or on command, on the 24th of July, the 24th of August, and the 24th of September, and remark in the margin at what dates certain officers and men left this place. Not having the regular forms to make out the pay lists, etc., I trouble you with those lists to give an idea of the forces here.

The principal expenditures have been for mechanics, flour, and Indians, the whole of which will not exceed three hundred and fifty pounds currency, the exact amount of which I will transmit as soon as I get the regular form. This garrison is much in want of a flag, and the articles of war. I have the honor to be, etc.,

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

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12th.—Raining all day excessively, prevented Lieut. Graham's marching.

THURSDAY, Oct. 13th.—Weather cleared up at ten, and at four in the afternoon Lieut. Graham set off. In the evening, he having forgot some things, sent back a man with interpreter Berthe.