

supply one of his horses for fatigue today at the fort, and refusing to obey the order, Capt. Dease requested me to send a guard for the horse, which I did, because Mr. Rolette having refused, showed a bad example, and prevented a number of the inhabitants that were ordered today from doing their duty.

SUNDAY, Oct. 30th.—In the evening a party of Renards from below, at the Riviere au D'Inde,<sup>1</sup> brought some deer meat, which they disposed of in the village.

MONDAY, Oct. 31st.—Mr. Aird having brought with him a keg of wine tapped it the day after his arrival, and was very obliging, it being an article not common in this place, in making almost a general business of it, till there was no more. Today the Commissary got quite drunk, and was very abusive to every person, no matter who. A drunken man is always annoying to a sober one, and as Mr. Honore came into my house quite drunk, with an intention to be as abusive to me as to others, I put him out of doors; and as I had not drank a drop of liquor for some days, I could not put up with his abuse, and sent for the guard to take him away; but before the guard arrived, he was conveyed to his quarters.

TUESDAY, Nov. 1st.—Being All Saints' Day, no work was done. Three Puants arrived from Ouisconsin. No news.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 2d.—Put up an advertisement to procure wood and candles for the use of the garrison, as the season is advancing fast. Mr. Honore persisting in his obstinacy, I was under the necessity of depriving him of his employment as Commissary, for which purpose I wrote him a note, desiring him to deliver everything he had belonging to the Commissary Department, and deliver it to Lieut. Brisbois.

THURSDAY, Nov. 3d.—Rainy weather has been a great detriment to advancing the work of the fort.

FRIDAY, Nov. 4th.—Mr. Rolette sent off a barge to get provisions, to accomplish which, I was obliged to let him have six men of the Volunteers.

<sup>1</sup> Turkey River a tributary of the Mississippi, about thirty miles below Prairie du Chien, on the Iowa side of the stream. On Mellish's map, of 1816, a Renard or Fox village is noted on the upper side of Turkey River, at its mouth.