

SATURDAY, Nov. 5th.—Three men of the Volunteers got permission to return to their homes. Bought them a canoe, and gave them rations. To conduct them, interpreter Honore got permission, with John Campbell, to accompany them till they meet Robert Dickson.

SUNDAY, Nov. 6th.—Nothing of consequence.

MONDAY, Nov. 7th.—Tried every means to purchase wood for the fort. Mr. Rolette having offered to take the contract at the extravagant rate of twenty shillings per cord of wood delivered here, I deferred entering into the contract till I got very particular information from every individual about the place.

TUESDAY, November 8th.—Got a calash, and went out to the farms, to try and get the wood necessary for the fort, contracted for in small quantities to give an opportunity to every person of gaining something during the winter; but not finding any person that would undertake even a cord, I was obliged to contract with Mr. Joseph Rolette for three hundred cords, at twenty shillings per cord.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 9th.—Being ration day, and the contractor having nothing but bustards, the Michigans did not wish to take one pound of that meat for their day's rations. However, as it is good, wholesome food, and agreeable to Mr. Rolette's contract with the Government, they were obliged to accept it.

THURSDAY, Nov. 10th.—Nothing new. Continual rain and cold.

FRIDAY, Nov. 11th.—John Campbell, who went from this place with interpreter Honore to meet Mr. Dickson, returned, saying he had been to the Portage and getting no news of the reinforcement, therefore returned.

SATURDAY, Nov. 12th.—Violent rain. The Little Corbeau called a council, and meditated going off; but Mr. Dease and myself thinking it best that his band should remain a few days longer, in case Mr. Dickson should arrive, and might be wanted, they agreed to stay, and Mr. Dease gave them twelve bushels of corn, and forty loaves of bread.

SUNDAY, Nov. 13th.—At twelve, three men, of the Gens de la Feuille, arrived under the "Buffalo that Plays;" they were received as secret enemies, and got no assistance from us.