

MONDAY, November 14th.—A Folle Avoine canoe arrived, and told us Mr. Dickson would probably be here in two or three days.

TUESDAY, November 15th.—A violent storm of rain all day. Nothing new.

WEDNESDAY, November 16th.—Cold north wind. Not able to plaster in the fort.

THURSDAY, November 17th.—Continued very cold. Being ration day, I ordered one and a half pounds bustard meat be issued; one pound of that meat not by any means being equal to that quantity of venison or beef. Bought a keg of high wines of Mr. Brisbois, at fourteen dollars the gallon, so by reducing it to be able to give, in this cold weather, a gill of whisky to each man on fatigue, etc.

FRIDAY, November 18th.—Paid the masons for making two chimneys, £49, 16s., 8d. At ten, three Sauk canoes arrived, bearing each a flag. They are all in winter quarters at the Riviere des Ayouais; that is part, of three different nations, Sauks, Kickapoos, and Renards. They bring word that the American fort, at the foot of the Riviere des Moines Rapids, was abandoned about the 20th of October. The Americans had burnt the fort, and proceeded to the Illinois.

SATURDAY, November 19th.—Continual rain and cold. A report was spread that the Sauks had turned against us; and that those seventeen Sauks that arrived on the 18th were come with an intention to take away the women from this place. After making every inquiry, found the report to be groundless.

SUNDAY, November 20th.—At ten, the Sauks called a council, when they pressed very hard to get a trader to their village; but we told them we were not masters of the traders, and, at any rate, there was only one, who bought a few goods merely to support the troops of this post; but I was in daily expectation of seeing their Father, when no doubt they would receive ample support for the winter. But in the event of their Father's not coming, I would even go so far as to take powder from the big guns, to assist them.

MONDAY, Nov. 21st.—Last evening, the Feuille, with twenty-