

day and will walk around the village every two hours during the night, and will take up any stragglers that may be going about after — o'clock, no matter who or what he may be, unless he can give the counter-sign.

A counter-sign is to be given every night, by the commanding officer, to such officers as he may think necessary, and to the officer of patrol, and Sergeant of the Guard. Any officer or private, to whom the Commanding officer may give the counter-sign, on being convicted of having divulged it to any person whatever, will be immediately put in close confinement, and kept there till an opportunity offers to send him into Mackinaw for his trial, as the enormity of the crime would be out of the reach of any court-martial that can be held here for the present.

AUGUST 12th.—No Indian, man, woman, or child, will be allowed to enter the fort without orders from the Commanding officer. This is ordered in consequence of there being, among the Renards particularly, many Indians who are bad subjects, and cannot be distinguished by some of the officers of the day.

AUGUST 13th.—The absolute necessity of lending every assistance to save the harvest, makes it absolutely requisite to allow the farmers to keep at their work, and not to assemble, as ordered, tomorrow at ten o'clock; but they will make it a point to appear under arms every Sunday after this, at ten o'clock in the morning, before the fort door, unless some urgency may require it to be otherwise ordered.

AUGUST 14th.—Lieut. Brisbois having brought word that a fine large American boat, covered as a gun-boat, was lying a little above Fort Madison, on the shore quite near the water, ordered that Lieut. Graham, with one interpreter and six men, go for the barge. When they reach the Rock River, or at any time during the voyage, if Lieut. Graham gets any certain news of the enemy's approach, he will either come back himself with the men, or send back, as he finds most requisite. When he gets to the Rock River, he will give a carrot of tobacco to the chiefs, soldiers, and braves, and request of them, as many as he thinks fit to go with him, not only to assist in bringing up the barge, but to guard him against any of the Sauks, etc., that may be ill-disposed, from the