

man of his band; and knowing the evil disposition of his people, he was sure that they had killed him." He then added: "I am an old man. It was with difficulty that I got here. You know that I fell down often on the road, and principally when I descended the mountain; but my courage and force were renewed when I reflected that I was going to save the lives of my children by dying for them. Do not let my Father think, that by mean excuses and evasions, that I wish to save my life. No! I am above such baseness. I am not afraid of death. My Father has already done me honor in sending his first soldiers to bring me here. I did not think my old body was worth so much trouble."

I think it necessary to make you the above communication, and in an hour hence I shall wait on you in order to give you some information I have just received.

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Le Corbeau Francois, on arriving at the gate of Fort McKay, with the prisoner who had killed the two men, said: "My Father! Here is the dog that bit you. In delivering him up, I trust that it will be the means of saving my band from destruction." On coming into the Commandant's room, he again repeated: "This is the dog that bit you. Do with him as you please; he deserves to die. I have one favor to request of you—that you will not kill him until I go off; he most surely merits death. In delivering up this bad man, I also give up the marks [gifts-insignia of friendship] of the Americans. Although we are not numerous, I think we can act as well as the other Indians, and henceforth I am resolved to follow your counsel. Some time ago you frightened me, and I then thought it was a bad business; but I am now convinced that it was the best thing that could have happened, as it is the means of preserving the lives of our women and children. You are now busy; I will relate to you at another time what the Americans told me, the last time I went to see them."

Le Corbeau Francois' talk, January 7th, evening: "The reports that the Indian, lately arrived from the Americans, brought were these: They told me, said he, that when they got angry that they would bring all the nations from the Missouri, and