

would probably enjoy but a short time. I well know your zeal for the service, and will always be ready to serve you as far as in my power, and in the way most pleasing for yourself.

Every human effort must be made by one and all of you, to preserve your important post, upon which so much depends. Do your utmost to conciliate and animate the Indians, for with their hearty co-operation, I trust that the enemy is again destined to defeat and disgrace. As it is my wish that the utmost harmony should prevail at your garrison during this important crisis, I strongly recommend to you to forget what has passed, with regard to Mr. Rolette, and to be in future, on that friendly footing with him, which may perhaps assist him in furnishing the supplies, which are of so much consequence in enabling Captain Bulger to retain his important post. I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed)

ROB'T McDOWALL,

Lieut. Col. Com'd'g, and Commanding the Indian  
Department thereof, and its Dependencies.

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Answer of La Feuille, or The Leaf, principal Sioux Chief, to Thomas,<sup>1</sup> delivered to Capt. Anderson. [No date—in 1814 or 1815.]

MY BROTHER!—I have heard your words and received your talk, and will use my endeavors to follow your advice. You are near our Great Father at Michilimackinac, who gives us good counsels, and puts us in the road of our ancestors. Who would be foolish enough not to follow his advice?

MY BROTHER THOMAS!—I regard you as a brother. Take this pipe (holding a pipe in his hand), and with it, talk to the Chippewas near me (the hereditary enemies of the Sioux); they are wild and stubborn. I wish to be as brethren with them. Tell them a parcel of foolish Renards (Foxes) went to war against them, though I used my endeavors to prevent them. It is my wish to be at peace with all nations. I regard you as a brother, and hold you fast by the hand.

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<sup>1</sup> As La Feuille refers to Thomas whom he addresses as residing "near" to Mackinaw, it must have reference to the distinguished Menomonee Chief Thomas or Tomah, who lived near Green Bay, rather than the Sauk Chief Thomas, whose home was doubtless with his people near the mouth of Rock River.