

we had but twenty-seven killed and wounded. I think the war is over, as the Indians are dispersed and beaten, and are bringing in and surrendering their chiefs.

"I did not see J——, though he is with the army at Rock Island. He did not arrive until I had left there. Of course he was not in the fight, but he has been in the midst of the cholera, and has so far escaped. * * *

"I expect to be in your part of the country this fall or early in the spring. I have been notified by the Government that I have been selected to superintend the construction of certain harbors (Buffalo, Erie, Cleveland, &c.) on Lake Erie, and shall probably reside in Buffalo for that purpose. Had it not been for the Indian war, I should have been ordered there in June.

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"Your affectionate and sincere

"HENRY SMITH."*

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