

at Red Cedars they killed men, women and children, and destroyed all they could. This all came because the Winnebagoes had listened to the words of their Great Father, but the old chief thought the Commissioner must have something about these things in the papers of his office. He could not name the officer with whom he and his party had left Prairie Du Chien. He had between thirty and forty warriors with him then. His brother, who is still living, left Prairie La Crosse with more than sixty warriors.

The Prophet said there were many Winnebagoes in that war, and that some of them have left children who are now poor. The old man had told the truth. The Prophet was then very young, but was with the old chief in that war. Other tribes, which he named, had done little or nothing, yet they had been paid. The Winnebagoes did not ask to be paid for all their losses and sufferings, but thought the promise made to them should be performed.

The Commissioner explained that the names of the other Indians in the service of the United States had been sent to the War Department, and that this was the reason why they had been rewarded; but the old chief replied that all Gov. Dodge's papers had been burned up at Fort Winnebago. The Winnebagoes had served three months, and had received nothing except some captured horses Gen. Scott had turned over to them.

Little Hill arose and declared the words spoken to be all true. His uncle had, in the battle of the Bad Axe, killed one of the Sacs, and turned his scalp over his eyes. Others now here could tell the names of the warriors who fought with Gov. Dodge. Little Hill had not reached the field until the battle was over; but Gov. Dodge was pleased with the bravery of the Winnebagoes, and thanked them. None of their names are forgotten. The man who took Black Hawk was a relation of Little Hill, and ever since has been called Black Hawk. Little Hill's brother was killed in that war. The Winnebagoes had lost a hundred scalps in it.*

The Commissioners finally promised to cause a search to be made for documentary evidence in their favor.

* This must be an exaggeration or an error.