

hesitated from fear of that terrible chief and his indomitable band; and, moreover, the military at the Fort interfered to prevent a further effusion of blood.

Some time in June of this year, Miles Vineyard, Sub-Agent to the Chippewas on the Upper Mississippi, arrived at Fort Snelling, and taking with him Quinn, his interpreter, and several voyagers, and gentlemen who accompanied him "for sight seeing," ascended the river in canoes to a point a short distance above Little Falls, and summoned Hole-in-the-day and his band to a council, and demanded the prisoner.

In July, 1838, not knowing of this movement, I ascended the river to the same point, with a view to establish a mission and school somewhere among these Indians. I found them in council on an Island. As is their custom, when a stranger arrives, all business was suspended till the new comers were introduced, and the news inquired for, the burden of which was, whether the Sioux were coming to attack them. Vineyard had told them, as a reason why they should surrender the prisoner, that seven hundred Sioux were actually on the war path, and he desired me to confirm his report. This I could not do; but said that I had heard of great excitement among the Sioux, and that they were preparing for war, but I had not seen any of them. This over, they resumed business.

I had heard so much of Hole-in-the-Day that I was anxious to see him. The council was in a thicket on an Island. The underbrush had been cut out and piled in the center, and perhaps fifty braves seated on the ground in the circle. The Agent and his *attaches* were seated in like manner under a tree, on one side of the circle, by the side of whom I, with my attendants, were assigned the place of honor, and looking in vain for one of distinguished appearance, I inquired of my interpreter which was the great chief, and he pointed to the dirtiest, most scowling and savage looking man in the crowd, who was lying on the pile of brush in the center, as if, as I found to be the fact, he was alone on his side of the question to be settled. All others had agreed before my arrival, to release the prisoner; he alone stood out.