

so rash as to attempt anything against us; still, I am completely on my guard, and will take the further necessary precautions to prevent a surprise. I would not stir a peg from this if I was sure we should be attacked tomorrow. If they come here with hostile intentions they may get a drubbing they are little aware of.

I enclose you the letter I send Chandonnet for your perusal. You will please get Collish and Jean Vieux, two brothers-in-law, to go to Milwaukee with the letter; and they will proceed to where Le Sallien is and bring him here. They must inform the Indians that I want Le Sallien to tell him the news to carry back to them at some time. You will instruct the Indians to listen to all that is going on where they pass, and bring me a faithful report. These two Indians are related to La Farine and another chief, and they are the most fit to be intrusted with the commission. They must also request a Folle Avoine Indian named Opahoh to come with them, as Thomas¹ wants much to see him here; and I request that you send as many sleighs as will bring up the wheat, as with provisions I can assemble a force, if found requisite. If you cannot find beef when you journey have resource to Mascar's oxen, which I wish to reserve until Spring.

Mr. Brisbois will tell you all that is going on here. I have one reason for not sending the *Gazette* at present—it is of no great consequence; but you will be satisfied with it when I see you.

With best wishes, I remain, dear sir,

Yours truly,

R. DICKSON.

Endeavor to get the Indians for Milwaukee to set out as soon as you can.

Lieut. John Lawe, La Baye.

WINNEBAGO LAKE, Feb. 11, 1814.

Dear Sir:—Mr. Grignon's man going to La Baye, by him I send this. I have to acquaint you with six Indians,

¹ Thomas Carron, or Tomah, the Menomonee chief.