

munition, nor any kind of goods to supply them with; and that it was only their English Father who had plenty of these articles; and that he purchased a number of horses. They think that his intention was to come this way. The Americans probably got word of it. A number of men came on horseback, and took everything he had from him. They were at this time a day's march from him. About ten or twelve days afterwards all their dogs came to the Iowas' camp, and remained there. They concluded from this that he and his men must have been killed; for had they taken them prisoners, the dogs of course would have followed them. They think that the Americans sent a party of Indians in their interest to cut them off. They were afraid to go to his house to know exactly what passed; and all this is only conjecture, and I give it to you word for word as I had it.

The Sauks and Foxes that were on the Missouri in favor with the Americans, with four other nations in alliance with them, were struck upon some time ago by the Mohawks [?], Pawnees, and other nations on the upper part of that river. The Sauks and their allies lost about one hundred men, and this they attribute to the treachery of the Americans.<sup>1</sup> They left the Missouri and have by this time joined their friends on the Mississippi, if not altogether satisfied with, at least firmly convinced of American generosity, as they were reduced to the point of making knives with old iron hoops. All the Sauks, Foxes, Kickapoos and Iowas are now collecting to make but one village at the Rock river that will be at least one thousand five hundred men strong.

The only news those that came from Missouri brought, was, that the Americans were to pay us a visit here in the Spring, as early as the season would permit. If they come, I hope they will be well supplied with provisions—in that case we may not all die with hunger. Should they overpower us, they will give us something to eat; otherwise

<sup>1</sup> This must refer to Col. Henry Dodge's expedition up the Missouri, in Sept., 1814, against hostile Miamies. It is very likely that there were Sauks and Foxes among them.