

have why we should form such an alliance. See what a large number of presents our American Father has sent us! See the clothing for ourselves, squaws and children; see the guns and the wampum; and, above all the rest, and what is most conclusive, see *the milk of the nation*, so kindly sent us by our Great Father"—pointing to a row of fifteen barrels of whiskey. A treaty of friendship was formed; and La Feuille continued amicable.

Tomah.—The Menomonee chief Tomah descended the river from Prairie du Chien to St. Louis, in 1817, in company with me. He could speak some words in French, and was quite companionable, frequently indulging in pleasantry and drollery. He was then quite advanced in years, but was very active, and made camp on shore, of nights, for us both.

Red Bird Disturbance, 1827.—Red Bird did not die till after his trial—not, as Gen. Smith states in his *History of Wisconsin*, before his trial. He was tried and convicted, together with Chickhongsic, or "The Little Steer," and Winaga, or "The Sun;" but the sentence was deferred till the last day of that term of the court, and then, from some cause, was not pronounced. During the trial, Red Bird repeatedly protested against the whole proceedings as, in his estimation, cowardly and unworthy a great nation. He was remanded to prison to await his sentence, and there died. He appeared to me to be about fifty years of age, and there was nothing very remarkable in his appearance. His fellow culprits, Little Steer and The Sun, subsequently received their sentence, but were ultimately pardoned by the President. I think there were eight Winnebagoes, instead of six as Gen. Smith states, who voluntarily surrendered themselves as prisoners, in order to relieve their nation from the disastrous effects of a war with the whites. The others were finally discharged without trial.

Black Hawk, 1832.—Not long after Black Hawk's capture I descended the river on a steamboat with him from Galena, and having been a number of years acquainted with him, he appeared glad to see me, and talked freely about the recent war. He said he had been in irons, but he was then