

good terms with the whites of the country in that time of so much peril. It is interesting to know who they were. There was Broken Shoulder, an Indian of stalwart frame, great intelligence, courage, and sobriety. He had previously been an enemy of the whites, and he was shot in the shoulder while scalping a white man at Fort Edwards, near Warsaw, Ill. Hence his name, Broken Shoulder. Whirling Thunder was a man of great repute for his sagacity and wisdom in council. White Crow was an Indian of bad character, tall, slim, with a hawk nose, and with as much of a sinister look as a man could have who had only one eye, for one of his eyes had been put out in a brawl. He was addicted to gambling, fighting, drinking, and other disreputable practices. Little Medicine Man was a fine-looking man, rather under ordinary size, quiet, subdued, gentlemanly. Little Priest was one of the most reputable of all the chiefs, able, discreet, wise, and moderate, and always sincerely friendly to the whites. The party took their canoes at Dixon's Ferry, and descended Rock River to the Prophet's village. No sooner had the canoes landed than the Indians surrounded the party with every demonstration of violence, and made all of them prisoners. At the moment of the seizing of Col. Gratiot, the Prophet appeared on the scene. Seeing his old friend in danger, he rushed upon his people, and interfered in his defense, crying out: 'Good man, good man, my friend. I take him to my wigwam; I feed him; he be good friend of my Indians.' Col. Gratiot being connected with the Chouteaus of St. Louis, the founders of the American Fur company, which vast concern wielded an immense influence among the Indian tribes, both east and west of the Mississippi, was called by the Indians 'Chouteau.' Arriving as a prisoner at the wigwam, the Prophet said to him, that if he came as 'Chouteau' he should welcome him to his village; but if he came as a white man he must consider him, like all the whites, an enemy, and detain all the party as prisoners. Col. Gratiot explained to the Prophet the peaceful object of his mission, which was in the interest of all the Indians, and how great would be the perfidy if he and his party should be detained or harmed. The situation