

Berty¹ and several other workmen with de sarpeton. I spoke to them and talked about war, with a belt and ordinary presents.

12th. Another company of them came and talked war with some puants who had come with them.

14th. The nephew of the Scioux chief was drowned with a frenchman, which caused a little trouble through the sadness which it spread in the place, besides the general scarcity so overpowered me that to make them follow me I was obliged to buy food.

20th. I took the Road to prairie du Chien gathering on the way the most indians it was possible.

26th. Arrived at prairie du Chien where I expected the nations and prepared to receive them.

I bought food, drink and some merchandise that I thought necessary, Indians arrived every moment from winter quarters. [The] agovoin took the lead and left their comrades preparing to come.

I received a letter from S^r de Langlade through [the chief?] Siskomsin in which he commanded me to speak to all the chiefs and warriors and not to others, that he himself was a warrior and not a chief, that he invited his comrades the Warriors to come & see him at la Baye and to succeed in this they had only to take this Tomahawk by one end because he held it by the other.

May 4th. It is reported in the camp that S^r Louis Reaume had killed and scalped a Sakie, sad news for me who was preparing to talk war [;] this nation bidden against the whites robbed S^r Delinctot Laine of a tierce of brandy on his way toward the river la Roche and they said [also that] they would have vengeance for this death.²

¹ John Baptiste Barthe, a trader licensed from Michilimackinac for the Lake Superior country.—ED.

² Godefroy Linctot, a trader, in the spring of 1779 joined fortunes with the Americans. De Peyster writes Haldimand, July 9, that the renegade was preparing to march against St. Joseph's with 400 horse; Aug. 9, he writes that Linctot's destination is Detroit, but he has sent out 500 Indians to harass the party on its way.—*Mich. Pion. Coll.*, ix., pp. 389, 390, 392. Linctot was appointed by Clark as Indian agent "for the Illinois river and all the western side of said river to the east of the Mississippi," with power