

Berty<sup>1</sup> and several other workmen with de sarpeton. I spoke to them and talked about war, with a belt and ordinary presents.

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

14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

26<sup>th</sup>. 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<sup>r</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. It is reported in the camp that S<sup>r</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John Baptiste Barthe, a trader licensed from Michilimackinac for the Lake Superior country.— Ed.

<sup>2</sup> 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