

You will show the letters to Lieut. Grignon and send them back by my men.

The Sioux have behaved like villains as they are, they must soon suffer for their villainy.

The Sauteux behave with great moderation, but I think they will soon return & cut off the Sioux — which they deserve — The Ail Rouge is at the bottom of this & got the Sauteux killed on purpose to prevent any Sioux coming this way. You will see the patriotism of Mr. Rollette¹ by his letter. The flour was at Six dollars when Duncan arrived & he raised it to Ten. I must do for the best — provisions must be had at the end of our guns one way or other.

Dease² has acted very improperly in not delivering the parole, to the Sauks & Renards from the puants, when he receives Orders he is not to deliberate about consequences, it is with me that the responsibility remains. They all seem to bear an inveterate hatred to the puants, tis true they are vagabonds but let the people of the prairie recollect that if the Americans are not with them the obligation is due to the Puants.

As for the Sissitons & Yanctongs³ they may take their own way they are of little consequence in the present state of Matters. I am sorry that Mr. Anderson⁴ makes any advances to the Tonere Rouge⁵ on Gov^t acc^t as he will not be paid.

I wish he had remained eating Beef last summer he would not have injured our cause in the manner he did.

Mr. Aird⁶ pleads hard for the Tobacco the puants stole from him but I am afraid that his demands will end in smoke. His opinion respecting the Sioux is a very just one.

¹ Joseph Rolette, a Prairie du Chien trader.— ED.

² Capt. Francis Michael Dease, sub-Indian agent under Dickson, and captain of the Prairie du Chien militia.—(*Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x., p. 298, note).— ED.

³ Sioux tribes.— ED.

⁴ Capt. Thomas G. Anderson.— ED.

⁵ Referring, doubtless, to the Tonnerre Noir (Black Thunder), mentioned in Anderson's Journal.—(*Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x., p. 207.)— ED.

⁶ James Aird, a trader at Prairie du Chien. See *Id.*, ix., p. 294; x., p. 503.— ED.