

express but I hope that you have been able to get them off before this. Jean Veaus Voyage here was certainly well meant, but had I listened to him & his report respecting the Indians, it might have been attended with the most fatal effect to myself & others. Lieut Grignon seems much vexed that Mr. [MS. obscure] should have neglected calling for his letter for [obscure] he was acquainted so to do, & it being really of great importance, I wish this matter cleared up to my Satisfaction. In the enclosed Statement respecting the Conduct of the Poutiwatami [Pottawattomie] nation last year & their subsequent behaviour here, you will judge for yourself, but had you been acquainted with the full extent of their villainy you would never have said from Mr. Jean Veaus report that What had been said of the Poutiwatamies was mostly false. I hope that you are now convinced. Mr. Augustin Grignon will inform you more fully respecting this business. I recommend to you to be particularly attentive to the motions of the Indians on the South Side of the River and note down the different Reports from thence.

I send you by Mr. Grignon a pec of Strouds & five p<sup>s</sup> Blanketts & 14 Nett Thread. As soon as the weather is fine please send up Morneau do not forget the Nails & Oakum if to be had. I am impatient to hear from the Mississippi & still more so from Mackinac. I shall not determine what I shall do in the Spring untill I hear from both places.

In my letter to Capt. Bullock after the receipt of yours by Mr. Jean Veau, I mentioned to him our people being still safe at Millwackee but by no means contradicted the Reports in Circulation respecting the Poutewatamies. I told him I should do every thing to avoid hostilities for the present but I believe the greater part of that nation our Worst enemies. I think that you gave into what Jean Veau said without weighing matters sufficiently. He was Eighteen days on his Voyage from Millwackie to La Baye. if the Indians had bad designs they would have concealed them from him. He was not unacquainted with the Situation of affairs at Peoria — & probably he might be tempted to conceal the Part the Old Faline acted — being a relative of