

FORSYTH TO EDWARDS.

FORT CLARK, July 6, 1814.

Since my last letter to you by Lieut. Rector,¹ this post has been visited by many Indians from the head of the Lake, and upper parts of this river: indeed, they are here daily, bringing in to trade, Meat, Fish, &c. which is of very great assistance to the garrison of this place. We see none but Potawatomes. All the Kickapoos that are in the country being with the Saukies on Rock River, and come over occasionally to the Potawotomie villages to steal horses.

I was informed by Seigar, a Potawotomie, that some Saukies from Rock River, who were on a visit to their friends on the Missouri, on their return, killed a man, or men, not far from the Saline, on the Missouri.

On the first of June, Gomo, with others arrived here and informed me that there was a great force of British on the river St Clair, about thirty miles above Detroit, and another British army on Lake Erie, moving upwards towards Detroit. On the 2^d ult., two of the Panther's sons came in a great hurry, and said they were sent by Gomo, to acquaint the garrison that a canoe with several Indians was seen the evening before, passing the head of the Lake, and were supposed to be enemies; but a few days afterwards, they came to this place, and proved to be Kankakee Indians who came down to trade. These Indians said that Nesscotinaineg, the fellow who defeated Capt. [William T.] Cole's party in Loutre settlement in 1810,² and murdered the two families near Vincennes in the spring of 1811, had stolen thirty horses from the settlements near Vincennes last winter, and I have no doubt but what it was this fellow with others of the Wabash, who wounded N. Rector, last month.

On the 15th Gomo with some of his friends came to trade,

¹ Stephen Rector, third lieutenant in the rangers.— Ed.

² July 20, 1810, Cole and three other men were murdered on Salt creek, in the St. Charles district, by a party of Pottawatomies under the influence of the Prophet and living on the Wabash, in Illinois Territory. It was information relative to this affair that Gomo gave to General Clark, *ante*, p. 318, note.— Ed.