

and informed me that an Ottawa Indian had arrived in twenty days from Detroit, and says that the American and British armies were engaged on Lake Erie below Malden, that the Americans were busily employed at Detroit in building boats, and he, (the Ottawa Indian) was informed that the Americans meant to evacuate Detroit as soon as their boats were built; that General Harrison was killed, that all the Indians were invited to a general council at or near Greenville in Ohio, that none but one Potawatomie hostage had as yet returned, that the British have eight Vessels on Lake Huron, and that Mackinaw has been reinforced by many troops from Canada, that Dickson had been found much fault with by his Government, and he is to be superseded by another Englishman. Also many Goods &c are to be sent to Green Bay for the Indians, and he (Gomo) is of opinion that the British will build a Fort at Green Bay, that great preparations were made at Mackinaw to defend that place, and the Village was burned, that the British had received many troops in Canada (among whom are many Black troops) since last year, and they (the British) are sending them upwards, that there are many Chippeways from Lake Superior at Mackinaw, and that Dickson took on from Green Bay a large party of Folle avoines to Mackinaw.

Gomo says he has been informed that the British have one hundred sail of vessels on Lake Ontario, but also says it is too many, and cannot be true.

June 20 — I was informed by Indians who came to trade, that an Indian who had been to Rock river after stolen horses, had arrived at Gomo's Village, and brought news that Governor [William] Clark's¹ men had killed two Winnebagoes near the mouth of the Wisconsin river, and that he (Gov. C —) was busy building a Fort at Prairie du Chien, and had sent one of his boats down to St Louis.

June 23 — Two Potawatomies came from the head of the Lake to inform us, that a party of four Winnebagoes and one Chippeway had been seen a few days ago above the head of the Lake and said they were a war party, and must now be near this place.

¹ For sketch of Clark, see *ante*, p. 258, note. — ED.