

Fort at Pr. du Chien, and had left a garrison of French at that place, and had taken the regulars down to St Louis.

Gomo also said that a Potawatamie Indian was hunting on the Mequon some time ago, who fell in with a party of ten or fifteen Kickapoos, and supposes them to be a war party from Rock River, that the Saukies and Kickapoos have made their brags of having killed Americans thrice since winter viz: Boone's Lick on the Missouri, Cape aux Gris, and the other perhaps since I left St Louis. While I am talking with Gomo, other Indians arrived on horseback, one of which brought in five arrows that he found in the road about three miles from this place. They were known to be Winnebagoe arrows by their make, and no doubt belonged to the party above mentioned. Your Excellency will please remember, that in 1812 I informed you of the promise the British made to the Indians, to send out to Chicago a vessel full of goods to supply their wants: the vessels did not come, and in 1813, Gomo went to Detroit in person, to see about the promised supply of goods. The Indians were given to understand, that it was impossible then (1813) to furnish the goods, as there were so many Indians about Detroit to supply with goods, and that he could not spare any vessel or men, but required the whole to fight General Harrison.

You may rely upon it, that there is some great plan formed by the enemy, for after the concourse of men belonging to the garrison left us (myself and Indians), I asked Gomo and Black Patridge as a friend to tell me candidly, if they thought that the British would come to destroy Chicago. They both told me that there was no doubt of it, indeed, I could have wished to have had more talk with them, but the heat was so great, and having sat two or three hours with them on the bank of the Lake, that I was not able to support it, and indeed the Indians complained of the extreme heat, and said it was surprising that a tent or some other kind of shade was not made for them when they came on a visit, as they were not allowed to come into the Fort. Gomo requests that you will allow Heigimaunce and Racoon (now hostages) to return to their friends, and to keep the others.