

FORSYTH TO EDWARDS.

FORT CLARK, July 31, 1814.

I am sorry to say, that on the 9th inst, the day after the Express left this place for S^t Louis, I was informed by Indians who were hunting in this vicinity, they saw where a party had crossed the Illinois river over to the East side, as their traces and rafts that they had crossed upon were yet fresh, and it is generally supposed that it was the Kickapoos who were formerly seen on the Mequon, as I mentioned to you in my communication of the 6th inst, which I hope you duly received.

On the 17th inst, two Indians came here to trade, one of which informed me that he had left Milwaukee about the 6th inst; that the Indians of that country told him that the British were building a Fort at Green Bay, and had many Indians of the Sioux, Saukie and other Nations of Indians with them; that Gov. Clark's Army had killed six Winnebagoes at or near Prairie du Chien,¹ and that it was currently reported at Milwaukee that the British were coming the ensuing fall, and build a Fort at Chicago.

On the 18th the Little Eagle's son arrived here from the mouth of the Mequon and informed me that he had seen five Kickapoos on their return from war, who told him that they had killed seven Americans near W. B. Whiteside's, and that he had seen a handsome plated bridle that they brought off with them; that the party consisted of ten Kickapoos, and that they had been followed by the Americans, and in an attack they lost one of their party and the others dispersed. Those five suppose that the remaining four crossed below the mouth of the Mequon. On the 26th all the Pottawattamies who went down the river in Canoes a hunting, arrived on the way up to their villages. Those Indians told me the same story about the Kickapoo war party, that Little Eagle's son had told me.

On the 27th, Gomo arrived from hunting. He told me that what I had previously heard was correct, and on my supposing that the four Kickapoos that were missing, might

¹ See McDouall's report of this affair, *ante*, pp. 262, 263.— Ed.