

shortly to the British; that Fort Wayne was evacuated and all kinds of property taken away, except ten men who are left there for a while, and they tell the Indians that they mean to leave that place in a few days.

About the latter end of last month a Kickapoo Indian from Rock River passed through the village of Sandy Creek on his way to the Kickapoos who are now with Gen. Harrison, and there is no doubt but what he is a spy sent on the British. He told the Potawattamies of Sandy Creek that the Fort at Prairie du Chien was taken by Indians and not twenty made their escape in a boat down the Mississippi,<sup>1</sup> and he said that the Kickapoos now with Gen. Harrison must go to the Rock river, and that he was then going to bring them away; that twelve Sauk women were killed by Indians for having lived with Americans.

On my inquiry if the British had gone from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien, Gomo said he had not heard that they had, but observed that I must know that Indians cannot take a Fort without the assistance of Cannon.

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FORSYTH TO GEN. BENJAMIN HOWARD.<sup>2</sup>

FORT CLARK, Aug. 8, 1814.

I had the honor to receive yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. yesterday Evening by Fourinier, and I hope as yet I have not been wanting as an agent in vigilance, considering the manner I am situated, not allowed to give a pipe of tobacco, a piece of bread or any trifling article to the Indians to gain their good will, without I give it out of my own pocket, but am as I observed before to you to go and meet the Indians a distance from the Fort in all weather, there to discourse with them as well as I can in this kind of way, and I defy any agent to do any thing complete. Sometime ago an Ottawa Indian arrived from Detroit and Fort Wayne and says, that all the public property has been taken away

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<sup>1</sup> See McKay's report of this incident in the attack on Prairie du Chien, *ante*, p. 264 — Ed.

<sup>2</sup> Brigadier general, commanding the 8th military department, including the territory west of the Mississippi. He died at St. Louis, September 18, 1814. — Ed.