

British thirteen kegs of gunpowder of 100 lbs each, with some goods, and are expecting many more shortly: that the Saukies are in high spirits, and say they only lost one man and one woman in Major [Lieut. James] Campbell's affair;<sup>1</sup> that M<sup>r</sup> Dickson had been along the north or rather the west side of Lake Michigan, furnishing the different Indians with goods; that he returned from Milwaukee to Green Bay and from thence he was to go to Prairie du Chien to supply the Mississippi Indians with all their wants; that four Osage Indians were about the 5<sup>th</sup> inst at the Saukie village on Rock River. On my enquiring their business there, Pepper, whom you have seen, said they were married among the Saukies, but my opinion is, that they are arranging matters to join the Saukies in the war against us. Gomo has declared to me frequently that he and his band will not have anything to do in the war: that he was dragged into, it at the commencement, but is now happy that he is at peace, although they are in want of everything and the Indians all about them are plentifully supplied with clothing, &c at Fort Wayne and Detroit by the U. States,—River Thames, Mackinaw, Milwaukee, Green Bay and Prairie du Chien by the British. The whole of the Indians of Illinois river were in their corn-fields before I left Fort Clark, and are making their sweet corn. Having received no information of any craft leaving this place for Fort Clark, I thought it expedient for me to purchase a canoe and come down while the weather was yet warm, knowing full well that had I remained there until the cool weather, that the risk would be too great to descend in a canoe, which plan I hope you will approve, it being three months yesterday since I went up, and am again ready to go up in a skiff to make a tour should you think it necessary; as in a skiff I can anchor out, and be out of danger at all times.

I herewith enclose you a sketch of the place where Gen. [Samuel] Hopkins returned from. The trace of the cart wheel seen there, is the wagon I formerly mentioned to you, and instead of a bark house, it was a log house built by a soldier

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<sup>1</sup> *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ii., p. 220.—Ed.