

able to write me by way of Chicago. It is true there may be a letter at Fort Clark for me; but really I have not as yet seen anything to make me believe that Mackinaw is fallen, and you may rely upon it, that the British will strain every nerve to hold the posts of Green Bay and Prairie du Chien; as for the late Grenville Treaty, is it to be supposed that the Kickapoos under the Little Deer will make war against Pemwatomé's band of Kickapoos on Rock River? No never, in my opinion.

However, time will tell all, and it appears to me that the recent murders near Detroit, is a bad omen.

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FORSYTH TO EDWARDS.

St. LOUIS, Sep. 12, 1814.

The contractor's boat arrived here yesterday evening from Fort Clark, and I am informed by persons who came down from that place, that a runner arrived at Gomo's village from Rock River on Tuesday the 6th inst, and said that the British and Indians were ready to go across and attack Fort Clark, and might be expected there in a few days; that the runner not finding Gomo at home, followed him down to the Fort. Gomo, as soon as he was told the news, immediately returned to the Fort and acquainted the commanding officer of the news. The British and Indians of Rock River had no news of Major [Zachary] Taylor's boats when the Pottawattamie runner left that place, and there can be no doubt but it was the expedition under Maj. Taylor that has stopped them from proceeding across to Fort Clark, but I am fearful that that place will fall shortly, that is to say, as soon as they can dispose of Maj. Taylor's force, who I am told are busily employed in building a Fort opposite the mouth of River des Moines. Whether Maj. Taylor will be able to complete a Fort at that place, is a doubt with me, as the Indians are so numerous about Rock River that I think our people will not be able to cut and haul the timber, as the woods will be swarming with Indians as soon as the enemy finds out what is doing. I am also informed that a party of twenty odd Winnebagoes, crossed Illinois river near the