

there can be no doubt but they heard of the British being at Green Bay and expected them at Prairie du Chien, which occasioned their return from Missouri to the Mississippi; still, the deceit of these Indians was so great that when Gov. Clark went up to Prairie du Chien they professed the greatest friendship towards the U. States; but as soon as the Fort at that place fell into the hands of the enemy the reinforcements for Prairie du Chien under Maj. Campbell were attacked and driven back by these very Indians that had been so well treated by the United States, and boasted of having committed many murders since the last winter on the frontiers. We see in the public papers that a Treaty has been made with different nations of Indians viz: Shawanoes, Senecas, Delawares, Miamies, Weas, Kickapoos, Pottawatamies, Ottawas and Chippeways, and they have promised to take up the tomahawk against the enemies of the U. States. Is it to be supposed that the Kickapoos under Little Deer, will make war against the Kickapoos of Rock River under the old chief Pemwattome, or that the Ottawas of Portage river will make war against the Ottawas of Lake Michigan, or that the Potawattamies of Elksheart or S' Joseph's will destroy the Potawattamies of Milwaukee, or the Chippewas who reside near Detroit, will assist in destroying the Chippewas of Saginaw or those who live on Lake Huron? no never, it is out of the nature of things that Indians will kill and destroy their friends and relations for the sake of any white people: true the Shawanoes, Delawares, Senecas and perhaps Wyandottes may assist and fulfil their promise according to the Treaty, but for the others, I am doubtful, as they know full well the consequences of a war among themselves. I will here quote you an instance that happened in July last in Illinois river. In a drunken frolic, a Potawattamie Indian killed his brother-in-law who was a Chippeway Indian. The Potawattamie chief had him arrested, taken and sent delivered up to the deceased Indian's friends towards Green Bay, a chief of the Potawattamies accompanied the murderer to arrange the affair by means of presents, which I presume has been settled, as I understand by a late arrival from Fort Clark that he (the murderer)