

recommend it for the good of all parties that a superintendent of Indian affairs be appointed and reside at this place, and all Indian Agents to report to him, and he to report to the General Government: but in the meantime for the Superintendent to acquaint the Governors of the different Territories of any matters that might relate to their territorial governments, having a proper Sup't with proper agents, Indian affairs could never go wrong, and everything would be perfectly understood between the whites and the Indians; half-way measures in my opinion are the worst kind of measures (as respects Indians) that can be followed. Give them what you promise, never threaten, punish first and threaten afterwards. Indeed, give Indians Indian Law, and you may be assured you are always on the right side. If Indians murder retaliate, if theft by stealing horses, take three or four fold, they will soon get tired of doing mischief and be peaceable, but on the other hand, listen to their complaints and do them justice if any of our citizens have injured any of them let them have redress, by which means a superintendant who understands his duty, with good agents who understand theirs, Indian affairs must go on to satisfaction of all parties.

There is a good deal of talk at present in this place about the British and Indians coming down to attack our frontiers this season, but this I cannot believe, without they had a sufficiency of regular troops to garrison the different places, at this place, S^{te} Genevieve, Kaskaskia, &c. It is true they might come down this season with a very large Indian Army, and carry fire and sword through our frontiers, as they can at any time raise from three to four thousand Indians without including the Sioux, or the Mississippi or any of the Missouri Indians, viz:

Saukies & Foxes amounting to 1200, deduct 200 said now to be friendly in Missouri, remains.....	1,000
Pottawattamies can furnish 1200 warriors but suppose one-half will not come if asked.....	600
Winnebagoes will come to a man.....	400
Folle Avoines will come to a man. They are Dickson's garde de corps, Ottawas of Lake Michigan in their birch bark canoes can be very easily brought down by the way of Chicago & the Illinois river	80
Kickapoos when altogether.....	40
Chippeways in and about Green Bay & Milwaukee, without including the Chippewas north of Green Bay and those about the Sault de S ^{te} Marie and Lake Superior.....	200
Total.....	3,600