

Making an aggregate of thirty-six hundred on a very moderate calculation: nevertheless it does not appear to me that any invasion will be attempted this season, but if the reports are correct as respects Spain having declared war against us I should not be surprised if the Spaniards came down the Missouri by way of River Platte with a great body of Indians, and perhaps the British at the same time may come down from the Mississippi or Illinois River, who will also bring down another body of Indians, by which means an indiscriminate massacre must take place, for let the British and Spaniards be ever so inclined to keep the savages from killing in cool blood, it will be out of their power from the great number of Indians they will bring with them.

As respects the Missouri Indians, I have been informed by a very intelligent young Spaniard who has been brought up [in] this country that the Indians in that country are numerous, viz:

Osages.....	1,200
Kansas.....	300
Otters.....	200
Missouri's.....	300
Mahans.....	500
Total.....	<u>2,500</u>

Making two thousand five hundred warriors who reside between this place, and one hundred miles above River Platte: then on River Platte and its branches there resides the

Pawnees.....	1,000
Wolf Indians.....	500
A banditti of vagabonds of all nations commonly called the Republic.....	300
	<u>1,800</u>

You will please observe that no mention is here made of many other Nations of Indians who reside higher up the Missouri as the Rickarees, Mandans &c &c, as also those who reside between the headwaters of the River Platte and the Spanish Settlements in Mexico, who I am informed are numerous. The Shawnees and Delaware in this territory may perhaps amount to 150 or 200 warriors; Cherokees perhaps 600; the others below such as the Chickasaws, Choc-