

but that the commissioners would await their arrival. The chief is of the opinion that all the Indians invited will attend the Treaty: that when the Menomonees heard of the peace (which news I took up to Fort Clark last month) they said it was good news, and if the British wished them in future to make war against the Americans, that they would refuse.

This same Indian told me that one man, one woman and two children were made prisoners in the settlements of Vincennes, that the man was killed on the road as the party were returning home, and that the woman with the two children were some time ago at Milwaukee, and he supposes that those prisoners are still at that place. The partizan of that party who made those prisoners, is a half Potawattamie and half Winnebago, and resides at Milwaukee. On the 25<sup>th</sup> the Black Patridge with his brother in law came on a visit to Fort Clark. He informed me that a letter from the British in Canada passed near Detroit to St Josephs, from thence to the Kickapoos on the Vermillion that falls into the Wabash. A Kickapoo Indian took the letter direct to Rock River and delivered it to the British on the Mississippi. The contents of the letter Black Patridge said was as follows:

“When the French left Canada, they requested us (the British) to take care of the Indians. We will do so, and without the Americans abandon all the country on the side of the Ohio river we (the British) will not make peace with the Americans. Take care, you will be invited in the spring to make peace at Fort Wayne, Vincennes and St Louis, but don't go for there is a trap laid for you.”

This letter arrived at Rock river about the 25<sup>th</sup> of March last. The interpreter at Fort Harrison told the Potawattamies who visited that place, that the Indians would be invited to receive presents at Fort Wayne, Vincennes and Fort Clark; that covered ways were prepared at each place, and that while the Indians would be receiving their presents, the Soldiers would rush out of the covered way and destroy the whole of them: that a letter said to be written in the French language and sent up in last month to