

Mississippi; that a number of that nation who were in Canada have returned home, and the Kickapoos who were also in Canada passed the winter at the Elksheart not far distant from Fort Wayne and are expected home as soon as the season will permit. Those Saukies who have been in Canada intend going to Malden the ensuing summer and some Pottawattamies who have made indifferent hunts, will also go to Malden to get presents. Thus you see the necessity of a few presents to keep the Indians from travelling five or six hundred miles to visit a British garrison where their minds become more or less poisoned, and are always primed ready for any event that the British may have in agitation.

At Fort Clark I met a Pottawattamie who was in the engagement on the Thames that took place between the American and British armies in the fall of 1813, who saw Tecumseh killed. His story as respects the death of that Indian is as follows: ["The Indian spies came in with accounts of the American Army being near at hand and where I and others were, we would be opposed to the American horsemen; a Pottawatamie Indian named Kichekemit was on my right, Nesscottinnemeg on my left and on his left stood Tecumseh armed with a sabre and a pair of pistols. We had agreed to fire on the Americans, seize the reins of the bridles and knock the riders off, but the horsemen came up with such rapidity and in such numbers that I had time only to fire (but missed) and hide myself in some brush. Kichekemit fell, Nesscottinnemeg run away. I then saw Tecumseh engaged with a foot soldier: the soldier having run his bayonet through Tecumseh's leather coat near the hips, and the latter trying to disengage himself from the Bayonet with his sabre in his hand when a horseman rode up and shot him through the head, and he fell over. An opportunity offered and I made off into the woods where I remained the best part of three days, and then returned to the battle ground. I there found Kichekemit and Tecumseh lying and the whole skin of their heads taken off."] On my asking this Indian if he was sure it was Tecumseh he saw lying on the battle ground, and if he was not otherwise cut or disfigured not to be known, he observed