

to me that he lived with his uncle (who was taken on board of the British Fleet by Capt. Perry) at the Prophets town on the Wabash for three years, and was in habits of intimacy with and knew Tecumseh well: that he was not cut nor disfigured, except his being skinned and the breadth of about three fingers and about a foot long of skin and flesh taken from his right thigh. This Ottawa Indian had nothing in view to tell me a falsehood, it was he who commenced the conversation, and I believe he told me the truth. I did not see either the Black Patridge or Sinnawchewon, but saw the Grand Quet and some others at the old French village about Fort Clark. They appeared to be much alarmed about surveying their lands, and as I informed you in a former letter, that the Potawattamies could not settle the business, respecting these lands alone, as the Grand Quet said that the Chippeways and Ottawas must also be invited, indeed it is my opinion that the whole of the Potawatamie chiefs will after they are done hunting, meet and invite the Chippeways and Ottawas to a council, but at the same time complain much that the council fire is removed from Portage de Sioux, which with Indians is a bad omen. It is the opinion of Shawanoe of Milwaukee, that if the Chippeways come down to the Treaty, the Folle avoins and Winnebagoes will also come, otherwise it will be doubtful whether they come or not. Those Folle avoins who have passed the winter in the Mississippi will no doubt come down with the Saukies.

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FORSYTH TO CLARK.

St LOUIS, June 3, 1817.

According to your instructions, I ascended the Mississippi to Fort Armstrong with the annuities for the Saukie and Fox Indians. I was detained at that place two or three days owing to the Indians being in a frolic. As soon as the Indians were in a situation to do business with, I crossed over to the Fox Village from the Fort and informed the head chief of the Fox Nation that I was sent by you to deliver to them their annuities. Shortly after, the Indians collected and came to my boat when the chief told me that he could not accept