

of the annuities as they did not wish to part with their lands, saying at the same time that they would do without goods and live on roots rather than part with their lands. I told them that I had not come there to buy any lands from any Indians, but could assure them that what land the United States had purchased of the Indians they would certainly keep, and as they did not see proper to receive their annuities, that I would take them back to S^t Louis. To this the Indians made no reply, and returned to their Village. I immediately descended the river to the Saukie Village and on my arrival there informed the chiefs of my business. They requested of me to remain there all night as it required the chiefs and Braves to have a meeting. To this I assented and to my surprise the next morning about 8 or 9 o'clock the head chief of the Foxes with some of his people came to my camp and requested of me to deliver them their annuities. On the delivery of which they complained of the quantity being small. I told the chief that it was all I had for him, that he might take or leave them as he might think proper. He took them saying that the Americans would be angry if he refused.

The Saukie chief sent for me, and I found a large lodge full of Indians, and after being seated some time I was addressed by one of their chiefs saying that ["this pipe I hold in my hand you see is full of tobacco, and we have not as yet smoked out of it, but we do not say that we will not smoke out of it, but when we do not know, it has been sent to us by the Osages and Kansas Indians to join them in a war against the Pawnees."] After some ceremony I acquainted them with my business, and what had passed the day before between myself and the Foxes. They received their annuities without any hesitation.

On enquiry I found that the whole of the Saukie Nation are now at their old Village on Rock River about a mile from its mouth. They told me that their Village consisted of one hundred lodges, and their numbers were 1000 men without counting many stout lads. Indeed I have seen many Indian Villages, but I never saw such a large one or such a populous one. They appear stationary there and