

their old lodges are repaired and some new ones lately built, and others building. I enquired of some of the chiefs who came from Missouri about making a new village: they said that they would remain where they were: on my supposing to them that perhaps next year they would remove to the west side of the Mississippi, their answer was, that perhaps they might, but as yet they did not know. The Fox Village is within a few hundred yards of Fort Armstrong across the channel of the river and consists of twenty odd lodges and numbers about two hundred warriors, being about one-half of the whole of the Nation. I was informed that many Saukies visited Malden, and the British agents at that place told them to be quiet and peaceable towards all people, by no means to do any mischief to any of the Americans, saying you complain that the Americans have taken your lands from you and built forts in your country; never mind that, the time will come when they will move off your lands and out of their Forts without any trouble and of their own accord.

The Americans [say], (says the British agent,) that if we gained any advantage over them during the late war, it was because you assisted us; when war takes place again, we will not ask you to assist us, we are strong enough ourselves, but we will not be first to commence another war, it will be another people (perhaps the Spaniards): that they (the Saukies) had been invited to go and settle on or near Red River: that the Hudson Bay Company would furnish them with guns that would kill without powder, as the guns they now use. I found ten Indians, Osages and Kansas at the Saukie Village, and found that they had been invited by the British last year through the medium of the Saukies to visit Malden, and when the news [came] of those Osages being on their way to Rock River, eight Indians of the Saukie Nation were immediately dispatched with the news to Malden, and true it was, that they went there and returned home in twenty-six days, bringing a white belt of wampum with them to the Osages, pressing them to go on to Malden. Two of these Osages have come down with me to this place. The remaining eight I left at the Saukie village, and who