

no doubt will go on, with the Saukies to Malden and Detroit. About one hundred Saukies will go to those places and they were to have started from their Villages on Rock River about the 28<sup>th</sup> ult. When the Saukies were at Malden last year, the British Agent told them that he had received letters from M<sup>r</sup> Dickson in England, and that he would soon leave there to visit his Indian friends on the Mississippi, and would walk more upright than ever, that their great Father over the Great Waters is well contented with M<sup>r</sup> Dickson's conduct during the late war, and that he (Dickson) was a greater chief than ever.

On Dickson's arrival at Prairie du Chien a deputation from the Saukie Nation went up to see him.<sup>1</sup> He told them in public that he was immediately returned from England: that their Great Father the King of England bid him tell his red children to be quiet and to consider the Americans as their friends, and by no means to do any mischief to any people whatever, but in private he told them that he would return shortly and go into the northwest by way of Lake Superior and when he would get to Red River, his red face, his red head and the Red River would flame up and burn. In this double entendre something may be surmised, and your good judgment in Indian affairs will put the proper construction on this declaration.

A few minutes previous to my leaving the Saukie chiefs they requested me to represent to you that during last fall and this spring, that white people took and destroyed sixty of their canoes that were left on the banks of the Mississippi, hoping you would make them some recompense for this loss. The chiefs also requested me to beg you would send them a blacksmith to mend their guns, axes and hoes. In this way you will render them a great service.

I neglected to observe in its proper place in this report, that Dickson's son who has gone to river S<sup>t</sup> Peter, now in the pay of the British Government, and Dickson himself, is trying hard (and I think he will succeed) to draw off all the Sioux, Folle avoines and Chippeway Indians to the Red

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<sup>1</sup> *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x., p. 213.—Ed.