

nebagoes (ten in number) arrived at the same spot that I had left, and I was informed subsequently by the Pottawatamies that this party of Winnebagoes were much disappointed on hearing of my departure, saying they had pledged themselves to Dickson to deliver to him my person or scalp.

At the Treaty held with the Indians in 1815¹ the commissioners appeared satisfied with my assistance at that Treaty and acknowledged my services in a handsome manner. In the summer of 1816, I was again requested by the same commissioners to assist them in extinguishing the Indian title to what is now called the Soldiers Bounty Lands in Illinois Territory. My exertions in this work were such that had I not interfered I am certain the Indians would never have agreed to part with their lands. However, I must refer you to the Commissioners report of that Treaty, which will speak for itself.

I have been informed by the late Gen. Howard and the present Governors of Illinois and Missouri,² that the services that I have rendered my country from the commencement of the late war to the present date have been duly reported to the War office, and they have all obligingly told me that I deserved well of my country. It cannot be supposed otherwise, situated as I was at the commencement of the late war, having the whole of my personal property in an Indian country, but that I must have met with great losses. In this I have had more perhaps than my share. For my partner and self having taken many goods on credit in Detroit in the fall of the year 1811 consequently we owed much money for these goods so taken on credit. During the hunting season that followed, we had collected at our different trading places many furs and peltries which we shipped on board of a vessel at Chicago for our creditors in Detroit, but Mackinaw having fallen into the hands of the Enemy early in the War this Vessel not knowing of the fall of Mackinaw, put into that port as usual. The Vessel and

¹ At Portage des Sioux, July 18, 1815. The commissioners were Clark, Edwards and Chouteau.—Ed.

² Edwards and Clark.—Ed.