

The season being far advanced the Sioux became very clamorous, and they having a great distance to go to their homes (some of them 1200 leagues) had fixed a day for their departure and would have gone away being much dissatisfied. I in consequence thought it advisable for the benefit of His Majesty's service and to retain their friendship to borrow from the Merchants a sufficiency of goods for them, which I did with difficulty on condition of their being returned as soon as the Indian goods arrive from Montreal, and the Sioux and Menominies went from hence very much pleased on the 19th What I have done notwithstanding it is Militating against the rules laid down for the Guidance of the Indian Department, will I trust meet with your approbation.

In the instructions I received from you, Arms & Gunpowder were mentioned to be sent to the Mississippi, the former of which I could not comply with, there being none in store, the latter "Gunpowder" I have sent in charge of Lieut Grinier¹ of the Indian Department, and the Arms shall be forwarded without loss of time when they arrive from Montreal."

No 2 "I have made every inquiry respecting the Enemy in the neighbourhood of the Mississippi and do not learn that any of them are advancing in this direction, should they attempt it, I shall have immediate intelligence from the Interpreters at the Bay [Green Bay] and will lose no time in giving you the earliest information thereof.—"

No 3 "I herewith send you an estimate of what provisions it is supposed will be wanted for this Post to the 24th April next, and I also send to the Brigade Major a monthly return of the garrison for your information.—The commissary informs me that he has not provisions in store for a longer period than the end of next month, I therefore most earnestly entreat you, Sir, to consider our wants before the navigation closes."

No 4 "There are in this garrison two American Prisoners given up by the Indians the 10th and 12th of August

¹ Louis Grignon, of Green Bay, a lieutenant in the Indian Department, under Dickson.—ED.