

advanced on St. Joseph's, made prisoners six employees of the Northwest Company, and destroyed the storehouses. In reporting this event to Governor Edwards, Col. Butler remarked that he had learned that Dickson had gone to Green Bay the autumn before, with five boats loaded with goods for the Indians. He had then ascended the Fox River as far as practicable, when the merchandise was landed and loaded upon pack-horses, and he had proceeded into the interior, exciting the Menomonees and Winnebagoes to make war. Agents had been sent by him to the Kickapoos with promises that the Sacs and Sioux would unite with them. "He is said to possess as much influence over the Winnebagoes as he does over the Sioux."

A few weeks after, Edwards writes that the Indians had recommenced hostilities, and affirms his belief that Dickson was preparing for a descent on St. Louis. As late as the fourteenth of May, 1814, *Niles' Register* mentions that great alarm prevailed at that place in apprehension of an attack by him. The same newspaper published a list of persons residing in the western parts of the United States who had joined the British. This contained the names of Robert Dickson, James Aird, Duncan Graham, Francis Boutellier, Edward La Guthrie and Michael Brisbois of Prairie du Chien; Jacob Franks and the brothers Grignon of Green Bay, Joseph La Croix and —— Le Sellier of Milwaukee, Joseph Bailly and his cousin —— Benoit of St. Joseph's, Michael La Croix, Louis Buisson, and Louis Benet of Peoria.

During the winter, delegates from several western nations visited Quebec and were warmly welcomed by Sir George Prevost. The Sioux were represented by Wabasha and Little Crow, the Menomonees by Tomah, and the Winnebagoes by Lassammic. Wabasha said: "We have the good fortune to have the Red Head [Dickson] for a friend, who in spite of the barriers which the Americans have made, always found a passage to come and save the Indians from perishing;" and Tomah spoke of Dickson's "courage and good heart which made him proceed in spite of the lateness of the season and its severity, and arrive with the