

who, on my first arrival in this Country, demanded as a favor, that in the event of the Menomonies being called into the field, that Col^o. Stambaugh should be placed at their head. This request was formally granted them by me in Council—and it is to redeem this pledge, as well as to enable me consistently to relinquish a command, for which my present feeble state of health wholly unfits me, that this arrangement has been made. It has been my earnest wish to employ the talents and experience of Col^o. Hamilton, by associating him with the Expedition, with that rank which would bring him second in command. This offer, I regret to say, Col^o. H. has at once declined. I trust, however, that the Menomonies will effect what you calculated from their presence in the field under the present management, and that they will be ready to take up the line of march in order to aid you in your intended operations against the Enemy in about seven days from the present time.

The last arrival here (and hurried away by fear from Chicago) reports that the Cholera Morbus has made considerable ravages in Gen^l. Scott's command. We trust however, that reports have exaggerated the deaths by this disease, and that the next Vessel, now expected hourly, will give us more cheering news.¹

With great Respect, &c.

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agency, in *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, xi., pp. 390-393. See also, concerning Stambaugh, *Id.*, x., index; and references to him in "McCall's Journal," and "The Story of the Black Hawk War," *ante*.—ED.

¹ Of the one thousand regulars with whom General Winfield Scott started from the seaboard to assist in the Black Hawk War, nearly one-fourth died from cholera. He was detained, because of its ravages among his men, first at Detroit, then at Chicago, and lastly at Rock Island, arriving too late to take part in any of the military operations.—ED.

² General Henry Atkinson, in the absence of General Scott, had command of all the American forces in the Black Hawk War.—ED.