

the Sauk and to communicate to me the Enemy's movements. I have selected you for that service, as one in whose zeal and exertions I can place full dependance.

On your arrival at the Sauk Village<sup>1</sup> you will endeavor by every possible means to find out what the enemy are doing, as well at St. Louis, as on the Missouri. This I apprehend can only be done by detaching frequent and strong parties to reconnoiter. Any intelligence which you may receive, and consider of sufficient importance to be known to me, must be communicated *by letter*, without delay.

You will take some pains to explain to the Sauks, the speeches sent by Capt. Graham, as they contain intelligence of the highest importance to the Indian Nations; and you will endeavor to impress on their minds that it is *solely on their account* that the war is now carried on. That the King their Great Father always true to his promises is resolved not to lay down the Casse-tête<sup>2</sup> till the Indians are restored to their rights, and their future independence secured. But at the same time, tell them that on their part great efforts must be made to aid their Father in accomplishing the object he has so much at heart.

You will write to me frequently and let me know how the Sauks seemed disposed, whether unanimous or divided. You will likewise inform me of the state of the river as to its height (particularly at the Rapids) and the moment you receive intelligence of the Enemy been on his way up, endeavor first to ascertain its correctness and then despatch a *trusty* Indian with a letter to me. Should the Enemy attempt to ascend the river, and the Sauks be unable to make any effectual resistance to his advance, I should wish the women and children to retire up the Rock River where they will be perfectly secure, and the Sauks themselves to fall gradually back upon the Garrison and the main body of the Indians. You will state my wishes on this subject to the principal Chiefs and let me know what they say.

A Blacksmith is ordered to accompany you to the village

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<sup>1</sup> Black Hawk's village, at the mouth of Rock River.— Ed.

<sup>2</sup> Casse-tête (literally head-breaker), Fr. for tomahawk.— Ed.