

to repair the arms, hoes &c, &c. He is not to be allowed to take any payment from the Indians for what he does, being handsomely paid by Government. Provisions of course the Sauks will find him, but nothing else.

Should you hear anything about Blondeau inform me. Captain Graham has a letter to him from me, which if possible I should wish you to get conveyed to him. You might send it thro' some of the Sauks of the Missouri.

As you will, upon this service, have it in your power to render much good to the country, so you cannot fail by a zealous and faithful discharge of your trust to meet with favour and reward.

A. BULGER, Captain.

Commanding on the Mississippi.

FORT MCKAY, 8th April, 1815.

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*Copy of Instructions to Lieutenant Joseph Renville Interpreter for the Sioux Nation.*

It being necessary in consequence of the scarcity of Provisions at this post, the Sioux should be assembled at some convenient place, perhaps about Lake Pepin, and there remain until the approach of the Enemy renders their service here necessary. I have with a view of enabling them to subsist at that place, sent by Mr. Dickson 140 lbs. of powder, some shot, and some lead. These articles it will be necessary that you should distribute yourself, (should Mr. Dickson not have time to do it,) in order to insure an equal proportion to each band.

You will remain with the Sioux until you receive further directions from me: Endeavour as much as may be in your power to prevent any of them from coming down here until I send for them, for were they to come down now they would soon devour our stock of provisions, the country would be lost thereby, and themselves and other Indians ruined forever.

You will see by the speeches I have given Mr. Dickson, and which you will be called upon to interpret, that the