

ent tribes, were assembled at this place when I arrived, and it was really a most distressing sight; men, women & children, naked and in a state of starvation. Many of them had been from home all the summer fighting for us, and now, on the approach of winter, to see them suffering all the horrors of want, without the power to relieve them, was distressing in the extreme. Even those brave fellows the Follesavoines¹ who behaved so nobly on the 4th August, were starving before my eyes, and I had not the means of relieving them. I have not yet seen either Thomas, or Tête de Chien,² who I understand are hunting on the Fox river.

The Pottewattamies & from Milwakie & other parts of Lake Michigan, are likewise repairing in great numbers to this quarter in hopes of obtaining supplies, but there will be none for them, without robbing others who have much stronger claims. In stating to you the situation of the country as it appears to me, and from the reports of Captn. Graham and others of the distressed state of those parts of it which I have not as yet seen—I feel it to be my bounden duty, to represent to you the absolute necessity of a further supply of Gunpowder, this fall, or in the course of the winter: the expedient has been before resorted to, and surely, when the safety of the country, and the good will of the Indian Tribes so materially depend upon it, it can again be adopted. Baptiste La Borde,³ the bearer of this dispatch, has offered to convey to this place ere the navigation of the Lake closes, any quantity of Gunpowder which you may resolve to send me.

It is with Lieut. Pullman's boats have safely ascended the rapids

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¹ Menomonees.—Ed.

² Thomas (styled Tomah, or Carron, by the French) was a Menomonee chief. Tête de Chien, or Dog's Head, was a Winnebago chief having a village at what is now Muscoda.—Ed.

³ Jean Baptiste la Borde, a brother-in-law of John Dousman, and a resident of Green Bay. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x., pp. 133, 137, 139.—Ed.