

portionable quantity of pork had been issued to them from the Post and Indian Agency since the previous winter and still they were in a starving state. Moreover that they were the most indolent, thievish tribe that he knew of, and sometimes he had known as many as three or four hundred drunk at one time.

As all of their lands upon the Fox river have been ceded to the U. S. Col. C. informed me a few weeks since that he had received orders to prevent them from going down it any more for any purpose. The largest band is the one which has resided upon Rock river, and these lands have also been ceded, but they are unwilling to leave them; this they have been told they must do, still they disregard it, and it is probable that force will be employed when Spring opens to remove them north of the Wisconsin if it should be found necessary. At present, they are, as a tribe, in a very unsettled state, and the prospect of doing them good, so indolent, thievish, treacherous, degraded and unsocial are they in their habits, appears to me far less than any tribe which I have as yet met with. The Cumberland Presbyterians have a mission, or rather a missionary under the patronage of Gov't established near Prairie du Chien.<sup>1</sup> The Catholics are making some efforts to proselyte them and numbers are Catholics at the present time.

At Fort W. we were very kindly received by the Commanding Officer and other officers belonging to the Post and such assistance as they were able and as we stood in

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came a major in 1814, and served under Gen. Andrew Jackson in the Creek War, and on the Seminole campaign. He became a lieutenant colonel in 1826, and was commander at Fort Mackinac from July 15, 1829, to August, 1831. He commanded at Fort Winnebago until October, 1835, when he was ordered to New York. He became a colonel in 1836. Resigning from the army in 1839, he died at Salem, Mass., July 14, 1860.—W. W. W.

<sup>1</sup>The United States stipulated in its treaty with the Winnebagoes of September 15, 1832 (*U. S. Statutes at Large*, 370), to erect a suitable building "somewhere near" Prairie du Chien and to educate in elementary branches such Winnebago children as should choose to attend. Tuition, clothing, board, and lodging were to be gratuitous, and the school