

for flight is useless, and personal violence is not honorable. I am sure they will see how honorable I am, in this, and treat me like a chief. But I will be shot, if I am seen by the spies or soldiers; for he who kills me, gets a reward. Cowards, they would shoot from behind a bush, when I was not looking. Take me around privately, and Black Hawk will ever remember Grignon."

In accordance with this urgent request, Grignon took the entire party through a private entrance to the fort, which he himself daily used when going upon his evening walks; and handed over Black Hawk to the American agent, who was then stopping with the garrison. The chieftain was the center of curiosity, when Grignon assembled his protégés before the agent, in the open square of the fort, but the dignified warrior ignored all needless intercourse. A lady who was present asked Grignon to request for her, the long black plume which the prisoner wore in his hair. On making the lady's plea known to Black Hawk, the savage stretched himself up to his full height, and drawing his blanket closer around him, replied: "Never shall the plume which has touched Black Hawk's head be seen upon that of a squaw!" When the agent was putting handcuffs upon the rebel chief, the latter said he never expected to be treated like that; but upon being assured that the orders were strict, and could not be disobeyed in any case, notwithstanding the admiration which all observers felt in the chief's noble conduct, he was somewhat appeased.

The particulars of Grignon's relation produced a strong effect on my young mind at the time, and I think I still retain as perfect a recollection of his very words, as if they were recited to me but yesterday.¹

Constant reference is made by some narrators to fierce battles having been fought at Grand Butte des Morts, in the early days of the Outagamie troubles. It is frequently asserted that great mounds existed here, in early days—the wholesale receptacles of the bones of luckless Sacs and Foxes. Now, I always took great interest in these matters,

¹ Cf. *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xiii, p. 465, note.—Ed.