

at Ft. Winnebago, & were only one day & a half's march fr[om] t[he] latter place. The whole number supposed to be not far fr[om] 8 or 10 hundred.

That 8 white men had been massacred at Galena & the B[lue] M[oun]ds. That they had told t[he] Winnebagoes that they wanted to have them get out of their way for if they did not they might step on them, and that they did not wish to hurt them but they wanted to kill t[he] white men — And also that t[he] tracks of 5 Sacs had been seen betwixt the B[utte] D[es] Mort and L[ake] W[innebago] Alas! What trials & troubles await this Missn. I know not. When I look at my own unfaithfulness, and ill-desert, as well as at my sins and the sins of this people I feel, that we are deserving of all t[he] calamities of war & even unspeakably more, banishment fr[om] his presence eternally, but O! his mercy & forbearance I desire to plead towards myself & people & altho' my crimes are black as hell, yet with *thee* there is forgiveness & plenteous redemption, that thou mightest be sought unto in this hour of perplexity and trouble. In t[he] eve. endeavoured to seek relief in prayer & hope that in some measure I did, & retired at a late hour but t[he] news of t[he] day, conversation &c. would not permit me to rest; often woke during t[he] n[ight] with some burden upon my mind, — rose & looked out but could see nothing, retired again after commending myself anew to God, and enjoyed some refreshing sleep. But was awaked very early by t[he] firing of guns and t[he] stir of t[he] family, and felt as tho' I could indeed give thanks to G[od] for t[he] light of returning day — How many have slept to wake no more, but I am still spared — God grant that it may be to live for thee and thee only — felt as tho' before God I could resolve if He would deliver me from this trouble, and continue unto us t[he] blessings of peace I would do more than I ever have done to promote his glory, and t[he] salvation of souls. Still my own strength is perfect weakness, and unless I am imbued with grace and wisdom fr[om] on high I shall not keep this resolution.

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