

Wed. 27. Mr. Sherman & Mrs. S. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left for Gr[een] Bay, passed the remainder of the week alone, both in peace & quietness, had but little fears fr[om] t[he] invasion of the Sacs. Still felt during t[he] week as tho' G[od] w[oul]d preserve me & this missn. and as tho' I could rest upon t[he] words of t[he] Ld. to Hezekiah when Sennacherib came against Jerusalem. Therefore saith t[he] Ld. G[od] concerning [the] Kg. of Assyria, He shall not come into this city nor shoot an arrow there. Isa. 37:33. Lord may I never presume upon thy goodness & mercy, but guide me in t[he] way thou wouldst have me to go.

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July 6th. \* \* \* Saw John Whistler who had just returned fr[om] Lead Mines. Heard of some shocking barbarities. That t[he] Sacs shot two men, one a Lieut (Force) belonging to a F[or]t (at t[he] Mines I believe) cut off his head, peeled up t[he] breast bone, took t[he] heart and cut off slices fr[om] t[he] fleshy parts of t[he] body to eat.<sup>1</sup>

Alas! how brutal, how is man turned to be worse than wild beasts of the forest for they devour when pressed with pinching hunger, but these to gratify a spirit of revenge.

Gen Dodge killed another Indn. a chief of a band in a skirmish, and after snapping his gun at him 3 times, came at him with his spear, and when within pistol shot killed, and he scalped him, and he had tied in t[he] back part of his hair what appeared to be t[he] scalp of a white child. This band fought until they died, & one when actually dying continued to cry, how, how, wh[ich] was t[he] same as fight. The Sacs were then stationed in a fortified place on a point of land in a Lake called<sup>2</sup> [name omitted in MS.]

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<sup>1</sup> George Force was killed while scouting near Blue Mounds Fort, June 20, 1832. In his company was Emmerson Green. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x, *index*, for references to this affair.—ED.

<sup>2</sup> Probably a reference to the so-called Battle of the Peckatonica, fought June 16, 1832. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.* for numerous accounts of this sanguinary skirmish.—ED.