

pany at Billiards, Drinking fresh Punch Wine & Eney thing thay Please to Call for While the More vulgar Ware fiteing Each other. Feasting was Much atended to—Dancing at Nite with Respectabel Parsons. Notwithstanding the feateages of the Industress the time Past of agreabely for two Months when the Grater Part ware Ready to Leave the Plase for thare Diferant Wintering Ground.

I Had now a Large & Rich Cargo But about the first of august thare arivd a trader from Lake Superior with the Disagreeabel News that the Nawasease & Ottawese⁶¹ had Bin Killing Each other and Made it Dangres for the traders to Go in to the Countrey Except the Commander Would Interfare And Indeaver to Reconsile the Parties and a Counsel was Cald of all the traders and the Commander Laid his Information Befoar the Counsel and told them it was out of his Power to Bring the Government into Eney Expens in Sending to these But Desird that we would fall on Wase & Means among Ourselves and he would Indeaver to youse his Influens as Commanding Offeser. We heard and thanked him We then Proseaded to Contrebutte towardses Makeing Six Large Belts of Wampum—thre for the Notawaysease and three for the Ochpwase [Ojibwas] Thay ware Completed under the Gidans of the Comander and Speacheis [speeches] Rote to Both Nations. I was Bound to the Senter of the Notawaseas Contrey up St. Peters River. The Counsel with ye Commander thought Proper to Give me ye Charge of thre Belt with the Speacheis and the traders of Lake Superer Ware Charged with the Others. The Import of the Bissness was that I should Send out Carrears [carriers] into the Planes and * * * all the Chefes to Repare to my tradeing House on the Banks of St Peters River in the Spring and thare to Hear & Obsarve the Contents of the Offesers Speache and Look at the Belts and understand thare Meaning—Likewise to Imbark and Acompany me to Mackenac. Those in Superior had the same

⁶¹ Apparently, according to the context, a slip for Chippewa. The Sioux-Chippewa perpetual enmity was liable at any time to develop into war.—Ed.