

offer of service and the friendly intercourse he had the last two years with the Scioux, a nation unquestionably composing the best Indian Warriors in America, are all mounted and muster about 6,000 men; and his opinion was that the Government should avail itself of their services on this occasion and also of the services of our old friends and fellow soldiers the Folles-avoines or Monamanies who inhabit a large Tract of Country near the Prairie du Chene between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi.

“These nations with a few British officers among them were proposed to be sent down the Mississippi and to engage any Enemy they might meet; and if there should be no appearance of troops or hostile Indians they were to be directed to proceed as low down as possible and keep up a constant alarm to prevent the Spaniards, French, or Indians in their Interest from venturing to any distance from their own Settlements.

“In case the Enemy should advance through the American Territory unmolested or by any other rout the Indians (to be assembled in this neighborhood) were under proper officers to march and take some advantageous position on the Road and give them Battle before they made a near approach to this place and if unfortunately defeated they were to retreat to Amherstburg or wherever else directed to make a last effort in conjunction with the regular force of the Country.”

These are the general outlines of the plan which the late Deputy Superintendent General designed to submit to the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and which I now beg leave to present to Your Honor.

I have the Honor to be Sir &c.

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