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Dear Sir-

Camp - S^t. Peter
1st of August 1820

Maik, Gopau the ~~File~~ Chief who was at your Camp yesterday and to whom you gave a small quantity of Whisky, was stabbed near the Neck by the Indian who accompanied him. The foregoing information was received this morning early and that the Chief was expected to die -

Yours very Respectfully

To Capt H Leavenworth
Comd 5th Regt
Camp Cold Water

Saml. Salcedo
Indian Agent
at S^t. Peter

To James Kearney Esq
Transport Agent
Puen de Chien -
12th of June 1820 -

Sir/

Please pay to Messrs Boston Esq
for the transportation of 1825 lbs of Musk-
dego for my Agency, from S^t. Louis to this place at
the rate of three dollars per hundred lbs - which was
delivered at this place in good order.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Saml. Salcedo
Indian Agent
at S^t. Peter

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Indian Agency St. Peter
22^d July 1820—

I address you on the subject a peace between the
Sacs & Foxes under your direction and the Peace of the
leaf within my Agency. — It is absolutely necessary
that every exertion should be made to put a stop to the
cruel butcheries which so often occur. Some of a recent
date and not very far distant from this, I beg
leave to call your attention. — A few days since the
the Sacs & Foxes made an attack on a party of French
Lodge and killed Men, women & children to the
number of twelve & skinned & scalped them in a most
barbarous manner — Perceps one of my chiefs, has
spoken to me on the subject and says that if it is out of my
power to make the Sacs & Foxes make peace, that he will go against
them with 700 men. — Three Bands left me yesterday, his coming
the number to remain quiet until I hear from you. My Indians are
all quiet, a peace having been made between them and the Chippeways

Two Bands of the Chippeways have visited me and better disposi-
tion could not have been expected of them. —
My success in this country has exceeded my most sanguine ex-
pectations, my affairs of this Agency appear to move on well, let me
hear from you on the subject of a peace between our respective
Indian children, and hope that you will speak to the Sacs & Foxes
on receipt of this. The two are much exasperated at this
time, but declare that they will remain quiet until I hear
from you. —

Very respectfully Sir
I am your o'd L Servt
Saw. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter
for Upper Mississippi

To Tho. Forsyth Esq
India Agent
Rock Island

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Dear Sir

Indian Agency St. Peter
August 3^d 1820—

His Excellency Gov Cass, during his visit to this
Post, remarked to me that the Indians in this
Quarter were spoiled, and at the same time
said, that they should not be permitted to enter
the Camp. — I beg leave to suggest to you the
propriety of his remark, for by an observance
of which my influence may be facilitated
and the Government respected — An complaint
affair has lately taken place — I mean the
stabbing of the old Chief ^{Maj gasha} Mahjoppan by his
cousin. — This was caused doubtless by
an anxiety to obtain the chiefs whiskey — I beg
therefore that no whiskey whatever, be given
to any Indian unless it be through their
proper Agent — Whilst an overplus of whiskey
through the benevolent and human policy
of the Government it entails misery upon the
Indians and endangers their ~~own~~ lives as well
as that of our own people. —

Very respectfully
To Col A Leavenworth
and St. Peter
at Camp Old Water
Saw. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Know all men by these presents-

That Thomas McNair is hereby authorized and appointed my Agent to pass to Black River & then to seize any and all goods wares & Merchandise illegally carried into the Indian Country on said River - and to use all lawful means to have them transported to the Port at Peain des Cheues - for the fulfilment of which special duty, the above instrument is his authority) Given at the Indian

Agency at Peain des Cheues
This 2^d day of February 1822

To
Thomas McNair-

Saml. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
For Upper Mississippi

Know all men by these presents. That I Saml Taliaferro Indian Agent for the Upper Mississippi - having been officially informed that Joseph Montreuil an unauthorised trader is now established at, and trading with the Indians above Lake Pepin in violation of the laws by making trade and intercourse with the Indians

Therefore I do hereby appoint Michael Dousman my Agent to seize all goods wares & Merchandise found at the said establishment and to convey them to the Port of St. Peter and deliver a list such to the Commanding Officer of said Port for which act the foregoing instrument is his authority.

Given at Peain des Cheues
Indian Agency this 2^d day
of February 1822

For Michael Dousman? Saml. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
For Upper Mississippi

To Joseph Protette Esq
Sir/

Indian Agency
Peain des Cheues 11th Feby 1822

In answer to yours per Mr. Bailey of this date, for your ~~order~~ as well as the information of all others concerned. - I would inform you that in consequence of a Report officially made to me of a Mr. Boushard being illegally engaged in trade at the Saw Mill on Black River. - I dispatched my Agent to break up his establishment and seize all the Merchandise and Patterns found in his possession. - When on his way to this place, met two Aliens who by their own confession, had in their possession said Goods &c which they were removing from thence.

If there are not the same Goods which had been sent to Mr. Boushard, they are those which had been given to said Aliens to trade, and in this latter case, their Bonds as Boatmen or Interpreters of course are forfeited, the loss of which would be much more severe upon your employers they amounting to more than the value of the Sigsbee, the Legality or illegality of which, will be determined by the proper Authority.

As it regards the latter part of your letter - I only say that any scurrilous language you may think proper to use of me, will make no difference in my conduct, when engaged in the discharge of my public duty

Yours &c

Saml. Taliaferro
Indian Agent

Dear Sir/ [A-4]

Camp at St. Peters
July 30th 1820

As it is now fully understood that I am
the Agent for Indian Affairs in this Country. - I beg
leave to suggest for the sake of a general under-
standing with the Indian tribes of this Agency,
that any Medals you may have would by being
turned over to me, cease to be a topic for remark
among the several Bands of Indians under my
direction. - I am ready to pay to you any
Voucher that may be required, and I beg leave
further to observe that my progress in point of
influence is somewhat impeded in consequence
of their frequent intercourse with the Garrison.

The more the Indians become familiarized
with our strength in this country. The less apt
they are to respect either the Agent or his
Government. On reflection you will doubtless
believe my Remarks to be correct. -

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your obed^t Servant

To Col H Leavenworth }
Camp 5th Regt }
Camp Cold Water }
Saw: Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters
For Upper Mississippi

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To James Reed Esq.
Sir

Indian Agency
St. Peters, October 5th 1821

I have been taught to believe that you
are not disposed to see the Laws of any Country violated
with impunity. - Under this impression Sir, I take the
liberty to address you by Mr. Graham on the subject of
the trade carried on within the American Territory, by
persons unauthorised by the Government of the U States.

It is my duty to give notice to all such, to aban-
don their illicit trade without delay, which has been
made known to them - but in addition most solicit
your influence as principle Agent for the District
on Red River, to aid me in putting a stop to
to a traffic so obnoxious to the Laws of my Govern-
ment regulating trade and intercourse with
the several Indian tribes. -

Very Respectfully Sir
I have the honor to be
Your obed^t Servant
Saw: Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

To James Neunerley Esq.
Sir

Pain des Chees
14 Nov 1821

Enclosed herewith you will receive by Mr. Abbotts
a Draft from the Treasurer of the United States, on the Bank
of Missouri at St. Louis - for \$534 - which you will please
to present for payment, if protested, be so good as
to return it with evidence of such protest, enclosed
and directed to the Treasurer. J. S. Tucker Esq. at Washington
City. -

With high respect
Your obed^t Servant
Saw: Taliaferro
Indian Agent

Should the funds be received, please pay to
Col Miller \$300 - and the balance retain until
I see you
Truly yrs
S. T.

A

Sir/

Plain du Cheens
February 8th 1822-

You will receive pay as Chippeway Interpreter up to the 31st day of December 1821 - as agreed - but will not receive pay for the Month of January, February & March 1822 - whilst trading for or with Mr. Fairbault -

If you wish you can commence your services again on the 1st day of April and so be employ'd during the summer Month -

W. Scott Campbell }
St. Peters }

Yours &c
Saw. Taliapero
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Sir/

Indian Agency Plain du Cheens
February 22nd 1822-

On the Receipt of this, you will repair to this place to answer to an investigation to be made, relative to goods and peltries seized as having been traded by you at the Saw Mill on Black River

W. A. B. Boushard }

Yours &c
Saw. Taliapero
Indian Agent

To all whom it may concern, Be it known that Hazen Crooks a Citizen of the United States now at the head of the River St. Peters - is hereby by authority in me vested - permitted to remain as or near Lake Traversed - until otherwise directed by the proper authority -

Indian Agency
Plain du Cheens
Febry 24th 1822

Saw. Taliapero
Indian Agent

Sir/

Indian Agency 5th
Plain du Cheens 24 Febry 1822

I have this day granted you permission to remain at or near Lac Traversed until otherwise advised. As it is for the interest of the Government that I have taken the responsibility to extend your time. I hope you will keep an eye single to this as well as establishing your own - I am willing at all times to trust much to those who will exert themselves to forward the views of Government -

It is very probable that you will see me as soon as the 10th of August - in the mean time am anxious that you should find out the most respectable and influential Chiefs & head men of the Upper Sioux - to the end that should they threaten hostilities towards the Colony on Red River that they may be advised not to move - but to remain quiet until they shall see me -

W. Hazen Crooks }
Lac Traversed - }

Yours respectfully
Saw. Taliapero
Indian Agent

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
Sun 12th 1823-

Being informed that you have erected a Saw Mill on Chippeway River - and it being contrary to the Laws of the United States - You will on Receipt of this cease farther operations and remove your party from the Indian Country - any and all provisions hereafter granted to take from the Indian Agency Office is hereby revoked - Any failure to comply with the above instructions - The Law will however be put in force - and yourself and party liable to fine and imprisonment

W. Harding Perkins }

Saw. Taliapero
Indian Agent
at St. Peters -

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Ser/

Indian Agency St. Peters
June 12th 1823-

It has been stated to me by Mr. Rollet that you had ~~been~~ ~~given~~ a written permission from me to establish a Saw Mill on the Chippaway River, to continue in force until the year 1824. (October)

I recollect no such permission to have been granted to you by me.

It is true, you secured my sanction in February 1822, to take from the Saw Mill on Black River the plank or other instrument at the same time as though you to saw all the logs then cut - as you stated that you were likely to sustain great loss unless this privilege was extended to you.

You will therefore cease all operations on the Chippaway River agreeably to the order herewith enclosed. This information is important to you as in all probability you have been led into error by Mr. Rollet and you may not have been apprised of the severity of the law in such cases of transgression.

Yours &c

To
W. Hardin Perkins }
Chippaway Falls }

Law. T. S. J. J. J.
Indian Agent
at St. Peters
Upper Mississippi

Dear Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
27th of August 1822-

I drop you line for the first time since my residence in in this portion of the N. Western Territory, and nothing would afford me more real pleasure than to communicate with you often were not our stations so remote. But presuming that this may perchance find you in St. Louis, have directed my letter to the care of Genl. William Clark, who I am happy to hear has been appointed Superintendent at St. Louis.

I have no good news to offer to you from this Country doubtless you have heard of the two attacks made by the Sacks & Foxes on the Southern Yanktons near you and the Sissetons & Wahpacootas near the Blue Earth River, in both of these encounters I find that the loss of the Sioux has been Sixty killed and twelve prisoners.

Whilst on public business at Prairie du Chien I was informed by Mr. Johnson, that the Fox Chief at the Dead Mines had sent word up to him that there was a Yankton Woman in his Village (a Prisoner) that would in all probability be made a sacrifice in a few days and that they were determined to destroy all the prisoners in rotation - On receipt of this information - humanely desirous to dictate the course, I left the Prairie with several Sioux Indians passed down to the Dead Mines, and succeeded in the object of my visit - The woman is now at this place awaiting the arrival of the Sissetons & some of the Southern Yanktons - when she will return to her father and husband - who were fortunately on a hunting party expectations when their Village was attacked - Nine scalps were suspended in the Fox Village from the tops of their houses - After leaving the Mines I was a little uneasy lest my Indians might fall in with a party of the Sacs formed into a war party for the purpose of revenging the deaths of their relations.

See in Number killed by the Gaunters, but eluded them by swimming at night - The Fox Chief informed me that the Sacks carried Eleven prisoners with them to their Village on the River des Moines.

I have understood that they are determined to possess all the Hunting grounds on the Des Moines to its source - Forsyth wants energy. I expect you will have to give the Sacks another overhaul very soon -

Such distress among the Indians has not been experienced for many years as at present prevails from starvation and disease, may die daily and soon I believe, really for the want of sustenance.

The Public has met with the loss of a few Sixes from their conspiracy to the Garrison - such a casualty might have been expected.

I trust I shall have the pleasure to meet with you this fall in St. Louis - on my way to the City & to Virginia as recent communication requires my presence -

With a hope to meet soon - suffer me to subscribe myself truly your friend & obedient servant

May Beay C. Fallois }
Indian Agent }
expected at St. Louis - }
Saw: Talciferro }
Indian Agent }

To Mr. Alexis Bailly }
Sir }
On the Mississippi }
February 6th 1822 - }

The passport granted to you on the 5th Inst by the Civil Officer of Fort Crawford, to pass to the Post of St. Peter as a Citizen of the U States, is by authority in me voted as Agent for Indian Affairs for the Upper Mississipi, hereby revoked not being informed authentically of your being a Citizen of the U States, recent occurrences render it necessary for the interests of the Government that there should be no communication or intercourse with the Upper Indian Territory you will therefore return to Prairie des Chaux without delay -

Saw: Talciferro }
Indian Agent }

Dear Sir!

Indian Agency }
St. Peter, August 18th 1820. }

I have the pleasure to drop you a line by Mr. Franier, who will be permitted to trade within the limits of this Agency - I think he had as ^{reasonable} well his License from you, as he can obtain a Security to his Bond with more care at the Prairie than here.

Mr. Franier is to all intents and purposes an American Citizen - and will in this country be entitled to all the Privileges of One -

I hope you will try to do something with the Forces below, on the subject of a peace between them and my Indians - The Sioux are now acting the answer to my letter to Mr. Forsyth on this subject - when they will present the Forces to do (as they say) a decisive business -

Unless the words American Citizen be inserted in all Decrees to traders, none will be permitted to pass the mouth of the St. Peter River. do let me hear from you soon -

To Nech: Bolvow Esq }
Indian Agent }
at Prairie des Chaux }
Very Respectfully }
Your obt. Servant }
Saw: Talciferro }
Indian Agent }

James Kinnerley Esq was authorized by me to receive from the Bank of Missouri the amt of the draft forwarded to me by J Tucker Esq Treasurer, for the sum of \$634 & as that draft was not paid by the Bank of Missouri Mr. Kinnerley received the amt from Richard Graham U.S. Indian Agent & passed his receipts for the same as my Agent - which is hereby authorized & sanctioned by me & for which sum I am accountable to the United States - or war Dept -

St. Louis April 8th 1822 }
a copy given to May R Graham who }
recd. \$300 of the \$634 - on acct of }
Miller & Graham on my notes of hand }
Saw: Talciferro }
Indian Agent }

10 Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
July 3^o 1823.

A few days since I addressed a letter to Mr Perkins enclosing an order to stop further operations on a Saw Mill erecting on the Chippeway River and at the same time ordered him the said Perkins and party to demolish the establishment.

I have not been informed by what authority the Mill in question was permitted to be constructed - under an impression that no such grant having been made, and it being directly in contravention of the laws of the U States have taken the responsibility on my self to put a stop to all further operations.

I have been informed that a contract was made by Mr. Rotter with Warfishes who belongs to my Agency to construct a Mill on Chippeway River and occupy the same for the term of seven years. If things of this kind be permitted - the Country will in a short space of time be in the hands of Speculators of low birth and origin as well as unfavorable to the interests of the Government.

I granted in February 1822 to H. Perkins permission to take from the Saw Mill on Black River, under the Contract made with Warfishes, by Musick, Dickson & Perkins - any plank or timber that might be remaining at the Mill - and at the same time extended the permission so as to give him full time - say October 1823 or 4 - having mislaid the copy of the permit, am unable to state the purchase year to which the grant was extended to him. - If the party have not left the Mill nor deserted from their Labour - so soon as the Express Boat returns to this Post - I shall request a Military force of the Army Officer of this Station

and most certainly burn down the Establishment. I have understood that Law Suits have been threatened both by Lockwood & Rotter - I have nothing further to say than that I shall perform my duty.

To
"N. Bolven Esq
Indian Agent
at Prairie du Chien

Respectfully yr. Obedt Servt
Saml. Talcott
Indian Agent
at St. Peters.

Sir/

Washington City
August 3^o 1824.

As Societies have been formed for the instruction and general improvement of many of the Indian tribes within our Territory - but not on the upper Mississippi - I now take the liberty to suggest the propriety and utility of the establishment of a school of instruction for the half breeds and others at the Village of Prairie du Chien. If being the most central position, there will be no difficulty in collecting forty or fifty half breeds now sufficiently advanced in years to receive favorable impressions.

The Sioux, Chippeways, Menomons, Saes, Foxes and Winabagoes would be much benefited by such an arrangement, particularly the first, 3^o, 4^o & 5^o tribes - I have for the last four years had it in contemplation to offer this interesting subject for the consideration of the Government - believing that there was no section of our Country where such an establishment is more necessary or would be more highly benefited - The foregoing Remarks are submitted for consideration.

I have the honor to be
To His. A. C. Mearns Esq
Indian Office
Washington City
your Obedt Servant,
Saml. Talcott
Indian Agent
at St. Peters.

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Sir/

St. Louis - Mo.
March 18. 1824-

As there still exists considerable hostility between the Sioux of my Agency, and the Lac & Foxes of yours, and particularly on the part of the latter towards the former, as will appear from the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Conley, Sub Indian Agent, dated the 12th of September last copied. As I shall pass down the Mississippi early in June in the approaching summer with a deputation from the Iowa & Chippeways - have thought it to be my duty for your information to enclose to you a copy of this communication. -

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

To: Mr. J. G. Ely
Indian Agent
(at Rock Island)

Saml. Tahaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Indian Agency, St. Peter
May 3rd 1825

My Dear Sir/

It affords me great pleasure to have it in my power to write to you. A short communication by the man who is to start from Lac Fourc on the 25 of this month, to join the expedition at the Grand Bend. I hope he may reach you in safety, as there is no doubt but that he may be serviceable to you, particularly in relation to the Sioux Indian tongue. - Mr. McKenzie has by the request of Mr. Tilton directed the Interpreter in question to join you with all possible haste. -

Had it not have been for the convention of the Sioux and Chippeways at Pau du Chien on the 29th of July last by direction of Genl Clark. Should I wish certainly (and it would have afforded me pleasure) to have directed Wahnatahs the Interpreter

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Chief to visit you at the bend of the Missouri. It regre much the failure in this important ~~matter~~ matter, after our ^{last} conversation at St. Louis, and would now send a Chief, but there are really none but the Chief above named at all calculated for so important a mission.

I he leave to state to you that it is expected (and I have it from good authority) that a war party will be formed from the Kickapoos, Appalboins and Northern Chippeways, to the number of 3000 Men, for the avowed purpose of endeavouring to cut off entirely the Mandans & Gros Ventres of your Agency. I deem it my duty to give you this information, that no part of the Expedition may meet interruption and that the threatened Nations may be on their guard - Touching Indian retaliation, I have but one Band (called the 5 Lodges) of the Sioux, who are at all disposed to be troublesome. They are those who killed Muscody, lately last summer, and it is scarcely my impression at this time. Their force will have to be resorted to, in less than twelve months - matters otherwise wear a favorable aspect in this quarter. -

I expect to hear in a few days whether any of the Chippeways who murdered the poor Pilgrimage on Lake Pepin last summer, have been delivd up or not. This important information is desirable as there will be some two or three hundred of that tribe on a visit to this Agency in the course of a few days. -

I expect to meet Genl Clark at Pau du Chien on the 29th of July. having been notified in a letter from him, by the last Steam Boat which arrived on the 25th inst, to that effect.

14. You will have seen before this, the names of all the gentlemen who compose our new cabinet. I have just received a letter from the new War officer. Col J. Baird, who is to settle as to say that I should have been attended to. had my application for the contemplated transfer to the Cherokee Agency, have reached him before the appointment of Mr. Montgomery & Mr. Appointments as sub agent has been received and with proper remarks thereon returned to the ~~Dept~~ Dept of War.

I have no set nor will I recommend one for some time. There are but few men my dear Sir. Now our days calculated for such a situation - I had much rather be without an assistant altogether, than to have one that would prove a disagreeable appendage.

None of us, but what may at times be deceived, but I candidly confess and I have frequently wished for your knowledge of the human character - for you have surprised me on that score - with every wish for your health and happiness & prosperity and speedy return to the bosom of your dear family. I subscribe myself your true friend & ever true

Saml. Taliapero
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

To Maj Gen O'Fallon
Indian Agent
& U.S. Commissioner
on the Missouri

For Upper Mississippi
C. J.

(Circular) 15
St. Peter
April 10th 1825

Sir/
By the 4th Section of the act of Congress of the 28th of May last, it is made the duty of Indian Agents to designate from time to time, certain convenient and suitable places for carrying on trade with the different Indian Tribes, and to require all Traders to trade at the points thus designated and at no other point or points.

I have in conformity thereto, to call your attention to the following places for the Location of Indian Traders within the limits of this Agency under the provisions of the Act aforesaid, which have been submitted to the Dept of War for consideration, and until the decision of the Secretary of War be had thereon, you will be pleased to observe and conform thereto.

viz Location No 1.

At a point near the place called Patuxent River on the St. Peter 400 miles West of Fort Snelling by the course of the River for the

Superior
Wapacootas
Location No 2

At a point at Lake Traverse including Old Fort at that place - bounded west by Lac Traverse & East, by a line of Bluffs.

for the Yanktons
Wapacootas

Location No 3

At a point of the Channel of Red River, West of Location 2, 90 miles & 50 miles from its junction with the Red River

for the Assiniboines

Location No. 4

At a point near the junction of Crow Way with the Mississippi River 300 Miles or North from Fort Snelling by the course of the River for the Pilagers Falls a Voie - Chippeways

Location No. 5

At a point near the junction of the Chippeway with the Mississippi below Lake Pepin & contiguous thereto for the Winabawantong

Under the impression that the Location at Paterson Rapids will not be a suitable one I shall recommend the same to be transferred to Lac Isle Paile at the same time request an additional location at Havre des Sioux No. 6

I will here remark that in all cases where persons apply for a license to trade within this Agency - Bonds, with one or more good and sufficient sureties, will be required with the Certificate of some authorized judge of probate or justice of the peace attached thereto - No minors will be licensed to trade and all foreigners who have been naturalized within the last few years - will on offering their Bonds for consecration, produce a final Certificate from the proper authority of their having been regularly admitted to the full enjoyment of all the privileges of an American Citizen - otherwise they will be deemed illegal intercourse with the Indian Tribes

All the Laws regulating trade & intercourse with the Indian Tribes will be most strictly and rigidly enforced at this Agency -

I have the honor
Saml. T. Johnson
Indian Agent

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter 17
10th of June 1821

Having been informed of your breach as well a Contempt of our Laws, Regulating trade & intercourse with the Indians, within the territorial limits of the United States. I do hereby in the name of my Government direct that you cease all trade with the Indians of my Agency at or near the Big Lake Lake, and that you will make no more deposits in their neighborhood of Merchandise or any other articles.

The large quantity of whiskey openly introduced into our Territory by a set of lawless traders from the Red River Settlement has been but too well calculated to destroy the interests as well as to thwart the well concerted views of the American Trader.

I call your strict attention to this communication

To Mr. John Buck
I appoint a just for the
Audrus Bay Coy

and yrs
Law. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Sir/

Havre des Sioux
February 21st 1822

Your letter of the 18th Inst is received and have to inform you that the man mentioned as being a good Interpreter is one of Mr. Holletts hands, and it is not likely that any person in his employ, would state facts in casual talk which I wish to hold with both Winabawantong and Sioux is one of importance, and therefore very particular as to the character of my Interpreter.

The weather is now so very bad that I cannot trust the ice. It will in all probability be in my power to visit the Indians before my departure for St. Louis but cannot be certain. There is now no doubt but all that has been reported of the traders above you, is true, and they will be

18 be roughly handled.

Yours &c &c
Saul Taliaferro
Indian Agent

To
Mr. Augustine Pagnier
on the Mississippi

Sir

St. Peter
4th of July 1820

As Agent for all the Indians of the Upper Mississippi I am desirous to ascertain the probable number of the Sioux within my Agency

The Chippeways have paid me a visit please say the probable number of this tribe that may continue to visit this Post

Your well established knowledge of the points in question has induced me to solicit the above information - time to be saved would make me fully acquainted ~~with~~ ~~point~~ with what I now desire - but as immediate information has become necessary you will confer a favor by giving me a statement.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt Servt.

To Col Rott Dickson
Pain de Chene

Saul Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Chippeways, Cotawus & 20 different Bands of		1450-1500
Medawa Martons - No Loays - 5 to a Loay	150	750
Wahpacolas	45 - 5	225
Supling South	80 5	400
Supling North	180 5	900
Gancton	300	1500
Wahpetory	180	900
Sioux	80	400

Indian Agency St. Peter
October 30th 1825

Dear Maury

I write at this time but not to say much to you in the way of news, for in a Country like the one in which I reside, little or nothing more than occurrences of a casual nature are to be communicated.

Since the late Treaty at Prairie des Chens - of which you may have heard - my Indians have not altogether conformed to the Articles or stipulations solemnly entered into and made with the several tribes last August - This unexpected disposition of theirs to this solemn Compact - originated no doubt from their unexampled losses by disease - ~~dear~~ and since returning with me from the Treaty many of the Chaps and head men of the Sioux & Chippeways have died and others extremely ill - I see to my certain knowledge of these two tribes have been buried since the 18th of August - Superstition has in all ages been one of the ruling passions of the untutored savage - consequently it is extremely difficult to beat just and liberal notions into their heads - As I have governed the Indians of this Region with some credit & success for nearly six years - they must not yet be left to their own ideas & notions of things altogether touching Right and wrong - Many unthinking persons suppose that Agents are not to absolutely usurp among Indians as many others have supposed - but I beg leave respectfully to differ very widely from all such - for nothing in the Organization ^{of our Government} is more laudable or more commendable than the Indian Dept as it stands at present in relation to these unfortunate people of our Race - And do assure you that all Agents who perform their duty strictly & fully up to the spirit and meaning of their instructions - cannot but be of incalculable advantage both to his Government and the governed - You have enough of Indian matters - let me be

20 and advent to draw things more of moment.

I observe by the News papers that the Governor of Georgia has been dashing at the Agent of the Creeks. He I think will cause our misperceptions if he thinks to the charges preferred against Colonel Crowell. Persecution appears obvious, and a display of warmth not at all suited to the dignity of the Chief of a State.

I hope & trust these matters here terminated will, between the Sec of the Navy & Commodore Porter Subordination must be kept up in all armed forces, in every Country or despotism will eventually be the result.

Congress will soon meet, when many of our friends will have assembled at Washington. You will be pleased to mention my name to them all. I have applied for a transfer to some Southern Station or Agency and I believe that Col Crowell would exchange I would ^{make} the proposition to him. Be pleased to do me the particular & important favor to be my letter to Taliaferro or write to him (in case you should hear of a determination on the part of the Government to transfer the Agent for the Creeks to another section of our Indian Territory) - my views on this subject.

I have no doubt but that I shall leave this Country at all events in the next Spring. My friends in Virginia say thus much to me. To perhaps you may see me at your little habitation once more - My kindest wishes attend you and your little family.

Do let me hear from you soon - and believe me to be your sincere friend & affectionate

To Richd B Maury Esq }
Washington City }
Saml Taliaferro

My respectful compliments to Col Lee & Mr. Atkinson

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter 24
December 14th 1825

I have this day drawn a Draft in favor of Messrs Collier & Powell, for ten days sight on you for the sum of Two hundred and Seventy Eight dollars - The Resamony Two hundred dollars, be pleased to hand to May 13th Fallon for me, which several sums will be the Amount of my Duplicate Receipts forwarded with my last Quarterly Account, up to the 30th day of November 1825.

The disbursements which have been deemed expedient to make, in regard to the covering of the dead of the late deputation of the Upper Sioux - & other incidental expenses, unavoidably attend them. It now offers for your consideration - as to the most proper course of Settlement - whether to be considered as attached to the appropriation for the late Treaty, or entered as part of my disbursements in the accounts occurring Quarterly at this Agency. - The Amount of which as heretofore stated, will not exceed Two hundred and fifty dollars.

To
Genl William Clark }
Capt of Indian Affairs }
at St. Louis }

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt
Saml Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
December 24th 1825

Since my letter to you of date the 15 of November last past. It has been reported to me, that twelve other Indians of those who were at the Treaty last Summer have died, & the Sioux Chief to whom you conferred a special message for the brothers Gaudins, was nobly taken from his hands by his people, at the point of death. - This continued mortality, is to be much regretted, as every new case, tends to revive again, superstitious ideas of their having been poisoned at Prairie des Chens - and also to alarm of only those persons whom I employed to conduct them to this Agency - consequently, considerable uneasiness prevails in the vicinity

among those whites immediately concerned, and in my opinion, not without some reason - but under all existing circumstances of the case - I do believe that the measure which have been adopted and hitherto consummated to you will be attended with some, and perhaps with entire success. -

It becomes my duty again to remark, that Am: Fur Coy. are reported to have a considerable quantity of whiskey at their different trading houses on the upper Mississippi this winter. - An Indian arrived here a few days since and stated that forty or fifty of the upper Sioux - crossed over from the St. Peters to Cass Island to where Messrs Morrison & Baker are located and traded all their small furs to the former for whiskey and returned with five kegs. -

It is believed that there will be an investigation into this whiskey concern, at Washington this winter and an decision that all that has been communicated to you on the subject, may be forwarded for the information of the Dept of War. -

I have in full good authority, that one distillery at Detroit furnished under a contract to the Am Fur Coy a few months since several thousand gallons of high wine and whiskey. -

It will also be fully ascertained on whom authority the upper Mississippi is, and has been exercised for the last two years with this article. -

The traders that have passed up the St. Peters & Mississippi Rivers, with licenses from this agency, complain heavily and it is obvious not with just cause, for latter decree is staring them in the face, whilst trading on such unequal terms. - They not being permitted by me to take whiskey to their locations. -

You Sir, are so well acquainted with the nature of the trade & of the great advantages from opposition of this kind, that the foregoing remarks are respectfully submitted for your consideration without farther comment. -

A letter from W. Scott Campbell, of date the 18th of Dec^r 1825 month, states that a short time since three Chippeways were met in the lands near the St. Louis - by a party of Sioux - who broke their guns, and otherwise maltreated them. He is of opinion that some one of the Sioux will soon be scalped, in consequence of this reported outrage. -

The Chippeways are more disposed to adhere to the Treaty than the Sioux who are the greatest fools, in the shape of human beings. -

I have not received a communication from you since August last, but as the Express is to leave this on the 1st of January, on its return, hope to receive an answer to my several letters which have been forwarded to you in the last four months. -

I have the honor to be
To
Genl William Clark
Supr of Ia Affairs
at St. Louis
Your Obedt Servant
Law: Taliaferro
Inclm a p^r
At St. Peters

Sir/ Prance des Chens - August 2 - 1825 -

In conformity to your letter of this morning, requesting a list of all white persons employed by me for the public - noting the character or capacity in which they are employed. - I beg leave to report as follows, viz: Joseph Breville - employed in May last to collect the Sioux - Yanktons - Sissetongs and Wahpachontons bands of Sioux and to conduct them to the general Council at this place, and to perform the duties of Special Interpreter for the same - appointed by William Dechou in the same capacity - Scott Campbell for the Wahpachontons & Medawakartons and employ also as a check upon the Chippeways Francis Nolan employd to conduct the Chippeways also their Interpreter - Samuel Swazey attendant & cook. -

I have the honor to be
To Maj J. Biddle
U S Army
Secretary to the
Yr. Obedt Servant
Law: Taliaferro
Inclm a p^r

24 Dear Sir/

St. Peter. January 2^d 1826

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter 25
January 5th 1826

Recent advices from the Upper Mississippi-
touching trade and intercourse with the Indians of that
section of the Country, states many violations of our
laws on the subject, and in fact to openly an these
abuses committed. That I have taken the liberty
to address you - believing firmly, that nothing short
of a military force can put a stop to the illicit
trade at this time carried on to a considerable
extent at several points where trade has not been
authorized, and also by many persons, not licensed
to trade at any one of the Locations for the
Chippeways.

The introduction of large quantities of high
wines and whiskey into the Chippeway bands, for
two or three years past, has been as I understand
sanctioned by the Agents of Government on the Lakes
but this has been done in my opinion without au-
thority - and is a palpable violation of the Law &
the express instructions of the President - prohibiting
the sale of it to the Indians.

With the highest respect Sir
I have the honor to be
Your obt. Servant

To
Col. J. Melling }
U.S. Army }
Cm'dg }
Fort Snelling }
Saml. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter
for Upper Mississippi


Indian Agency St. Peter
January 18th 1826

Since the 24th of December, the date of my last communication to you. I have received a letter from Mr. P. Puscott one of the Traders from the Interior now at the location near Leaf Lake stating to me that two Canadians, not named have squatted down near his house and are busily engaged in trading the credits he had made to the Chippeways. and further that a house has been opened for trade between Crow Island and Sandy Lake. where no Post has been established by any Agent of the Government.

The Trader who has thus presumed to locate himself - belongs it is believed to none of the Organized Fur Companies, and is also reported to have been authorized to buy Twenty Kegs of High Wines, to use in his trade on the British front.

But Sir allow me to assure you, that but little of this article ever reaches his Pretended Alleged Dominion - It is a men cloak - for it is well known that Dog Teams are constantly employed in conveying it when wanted, from the Fond du Lac and Sandy Lake to all the Posts of the Am: Fur Coy on the waters of the upper Mississippi.

The purport of Mr. Puscott's letter, considered in conjunction with the Talk of Flat Mouth. The principal Chief of the Chippeways - known as the Pillagers (a copy of which is herewith enclosed for your consideration) I considered it to be my duty and to that end did address a note on the 6th of this month to the Com: Officer Col Snelling - requesting the aid of the Military in removing those persons reported thus to be openly violating our laws on trade & intercourse with the Indian tribes.

Col Snelling only wants the receipt of a letter in answer to one of his, to the Dept of War of July last past - touching the evils as this letter stated as well as others of a similar nature, heretofore

Communicated to you from this Agency - when it is contemplated to start a Military force on the 1st of February or early in March to scour thoroughly the whole of the Upper Mississippi Country.

So far as my information goes, it affords me great pleasure to be enabled to state, that the Sioux and the Sac & Fox are perfectly friendly and their hunting grounds respectively - abundantly in hand.

The Chippeways of the Upper Miss and the Sioux of Lac Meane have had a meeting a short time since which terminated amicably - after which those two Nations paid visits alternately in the lands of each.

The Sioux & Chippeways expect that the Government of the United States - will most positively order Surveyors - out to run and mark off the dividing line between them.

Having had several visits since the 8th of December from the Sioux & Chippeways and it being more than probable that I shall receive many more. It has been considered expedient as well as indispensable to make some small purchases on a part of Presents to those Tribes. It is well known, that it is impossible to remain at any Agency five months without articles of some kind on hand - I also feel assured that you would not require it of me.

Believing that I shall not hear from you in due season, in relation to the estimates for furs for this Agency, heretofore forwarded - I have taken the liberty to enclose a general list of such Merchandise and other articles required to be sent by the first conveyance in the ensuing Spring.

The Am Fur Coy at St. Louis will furnish all the articles of Merchandise - except Tobacco - which can be had of H. Richards and the Powder of Mess Wolf-hull and McGee - who will put the same in 6 or 12^{lb} and 25^{lb} Kegs if requested - which mode is according to

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My dear Sir

In all that may be required for the expenditures of this Agency in the current year 1826 - will not exceed the annual sum allowed me, it is believed.

With the highest respect Sir

I have the honor to be

Your obt Servt

Genl William Clark
Capt of the Officers
at St. Louis

Saml. Taliaferro
India Agent
at St. Peters

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peters
January 18th 1826

I have this day enclosed to Genl Clark a General list of such Goods as will be wanted, and have stated to him that you would with pleasure give it for me - article for article as estimated, and more than this - on far better terms than any other house in St. Louis.

It is my misfortune to have to make the best of a very small sum - and therefore am compelled to be somewhat of a Jew for the Government - This you may take if you please as a small hint, as the rate of percentage on the Merchandise you may be pleased to furnish me with, as presents for Indians.

Game is abundant this season. the Buffalo incalculable as to numbers - deer also, and small furred animals nearly as numerous as they were the year before the last - to my red children report, and they as you know, are the best judges of such matters

I have seen but few Indians since the 1st of November last past, which not only goes to prove that game is very abundant, but the incalculable and beneficial result of the late Treaty at Prairie du Chien. The Sac. Foxes

and Sioux are in the neighbourhood of each other, hunting peacefully on the Des Moines. The latter Tribe and the Chippeways are extended along a line of nearly five hundred Miles - and are also progressing in their hunts on friendly terms.

Mr. Warren of the Am: Fur Coy - from Lake Superior is at present on a visit to this Post - Mr. Deagler also of the same Company - The trade progresses well, and were it not for some few enterprises squandering down in Loaves on the Upper Mississippi the Beaver and Company would do better.

The introduction of large quantities of Whiskey into the Upper Mississippi by way of the Lakes is certainly a curious injury to all concerned in trade on the St. Peters - I might safely say that most of the small furs will be conveyed by the Indians from St. Peters to the Mississippi for the sake of getting Whiskey - Forty or Fifty of the Wahpetons and Sissetons of the St. Peters, passed a short time since over to the Mississippi - and besides all their small furs and returned, it has been stated to me, with five Reys.

Excuse me for having given more length to this letter than was intended - but have thought you would like to hear something from this cold region.

Permit me to close this hasty scrawl by saying that you will be pleased to remember me in the kindest manner to Mrs. Postwick and the young Ladies of your household.

With Respect & esteem

I am yr friend & obt Servt

O. N. Postwick Esq
St. Louis
Saml. Taliaferro

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
February 8th 1826

I was favored on the 3^d of this month, with the receipt of your letter of date the 6th of September last past. granting to me, leave of absence from my Post, until the month of March next - which came to hand, as you will perceive only one month prior to the termination of its operation.

I however should not have availed myself of this mark mark of your particular kindness & favour, even had it have reached me in due season - for my health thro' severe Proceadence, had much improved during the fall - and now thro' this, my personal attentions were, and have been absolutely necessary at this Agency as all times since the Treaty at Prairie des Chiens.

Since I had the honor to address you by letter on the 18th of January past. - Colonel Snelling has received the answer to his letter - which I took occasion, to name to you - was expected from the War Dept.

The Colonel has received orders and his attention is particularly called to the 2^d Section of the Act of Congress passed the 6th of May 1822. - Consequently two Detachments of Troops will speedily move - one East one North and I shall move in person West the better to secure the examination of a large extent of Country at the same time.

There is but one vacant Location within this Agency, sixteen out of the Seventeen, having Traders at them - The Am Far Coy. occupy all the Posts, and the Col Far Coy. rather more than one half.

As to the result of the several Expeditions, which are to move in a day or two - you shall be informed, so soon as they may return to this Post.

It is impossible to be conceived, how extremely anxious - I have become, to hear from you.

I have the honor to be

with the highest respect Sir

Your obedt Servt

To
Lieut William Clark

Supost of the Agency
St. Louis

Saml. Galiafero,
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Sir/

St. Louis November 23 - 1824

I have received instructions, in relation to the Murder of four of our Citizens on Lake Pepin - by the Chippeways during the last summer.

As those who committed the outrage are not considered to be within the limits of my Agency - It will afford me pleasure to cooperate with you in securing them, so that they may be brought to justice - and shall be pleased to hear the cause, to be pursued in relation to this important matter. Thus the Views of the Government may be promptly met by us - as on this occasion appears to be so highly necessary.

I shall leave this place in a short time for St. Peters when it will afford me pleasure to hear from you.

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servt

To
Henry A. Schoolcraft Esq. ^{Sub: Galiafero}
Indian Agent ^{Indian Agent}
Sault de St. Marie ^{at St. Peters}

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
February 8th 1826

Agreeably to your request, a few days since made, answering information, as to the most practicable route to the several trading Posts on the upper Mississippi, also the number of points at which Locations have been made for carrying on trade with the Indians and also any other information deemed pertinent to the subject, that might be in my possession.

I have at length after a full examination of documents in my office been enabled to state as follows - The number of Locations made by one under the Act of Congress of the 26 May 1824 - on the waters of the Mississippi amount to seven in number - viz one at the mouth of Chippeway River, one at the Falls of St. Croix

32 One on Crow Island, one at Sandy Lake - one at Leaf Lake, one at Leach Lake and one at Red Lake.

As to the number which may have been made under the same act, by the Agents for Indian Affairs on the Lakes - I am unable to give you any information - not having as yet been informed on this subject myself.

My letter to you of the 6th of January just informs you of the purpose of Mr. Purcots report - and there is no doubt but that the goods and fittings of these Canadians nor his horse are liable to, and would be a lawful seizure - besides the forfeiture of their Bows in the sum of \$500 each. They entering the Country, to serve as Boatmen or Interpreters as the case may be.

Mr. Baker reports one house to be in operation between Crow Island and Sandy Lake. When no location has been made by any Agent of the Government this trader it appears was directed for Red Lake and permitted to take with him twenty kegs of liquor - but found it suited his purpose better to establish himself as before stated.

Licenses are now granted for special points in the Indian Country - which are not only particularly stated in the license to trade, but also in all licenses given, and any deviation from the requisites of the license is considered as a forfeiture of the Bows under it.

There may be some whiskey at Sandy Lake - but no large quantity nearer than the Post of the Am. Fur Coy at Fond du Lac on Lake Superior which would be too far for troops to march at this advanced season of the winter.

I am also informed ^{that the buildings} which were erected for the accommodation of our troops when getting timber for the Public last winter, are now occupied by common hands of the Am. Fur Coy

and are no doubt, unlawfully engaged in the Indian trade. Traders having no right to Station their men at any point other than at the special Posts approved in their Licenses.

As it is not in my power to give a correct statement of the route from this Post to the trading locations above on the Mississippi - I have ^{traced} procured a faithful Indian as a guide to the firm Post - Crow Island when every facility to the other Posts - will be afforded by Mr. B. F. Baker.

I am fully impressed with the belief that showing a Detachment of troops occasionally in the Indian Country on the upper Mississippi will have the effect in a short time of putting an entire stop to this petty illicit trade and the trafficking of whiskey, which has been carried on for several years past, and it also makes strong impressions on the minds of the Indians, they see that the Government can reach them and the Traders ^{also} at pleasure.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your Obedt Servant
To
Colonel S. Snelling }
U. S. Army }
Commanding }
Fort Snelling }
Said: Taliaferro }
Indian Agent }
At St. Peters }
For Upper Mississippi }

Sir! Indian Agency St. Peters
1 March 1826 -

- 1 At eight please pay to D. Larnou Ey the sum of \$268.95 Cents.
- 2 At eight please pay to Messrs Collier & Powell the sum of \$487.62 1/2 Cents.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servant
To
Capt William Clark }
Capt of Indian Affairs }
Said: Taliaferro }
Indian Agent }
At St. Peters }

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
1st March 1826

I have enclosed herewith my accounts for receipts and disbursements at this Agency in the 2^d Quarter of the present year 1825-6. At the same ^{time} I beg leave to inform you, that I have drawn two drafts payable at sight by one in favor of Daniel Lamont Esq, for \$268.95 and one in favor of Messrs Collier & Powell of St. Louis for \$477.62 1/2 cents. These several sums will be met by ~~the~~ enclosed duplicate receipts for that amount on account of this Agency for the period specified in account this day rendered as noted above.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedt servant

Genl. William Clark
Capt of Indian Affairs
at St. Louis

Lawd. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
March 2^o 1826

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your three letters, dated the 18th of October the 5 and 19th of January last past, together with a package of printed sheets and beg leave to assure you that my strict attention will be called to them. The instructions therein contained obeyed, and the several acts of Congress rigidly enforced in regard to trade and intercourse with the several Indian tribes within this Agency

On the subject of my accounts. I have to remark that they are always in due season and if not delayed elsewhere, will reach your office in the beyond time.

I have had the honor to address several

Communications to you, during the past winter which when received, will present to you a fair view of my whole course within the last six months.

I have not been officially informed as to the receipt of my draft in favor of Messrs Prescott Esq for the sum of \$32.62 1/2 - dated 30th September 1825 - for the transportation of Mescal - Yucca - Sepelings & Washpeton Indians from this Post to Sac Teamed.

The late Treaty at Prairie du Chemin, will throw several hundred more of the Chippewags on to this Agency - a number having wintered this Post this winter - never seen before.

I have the honor to be

with the highest respect

To
Genl. William Clark
Capt of Indian Affairs
at St. Louis

Your Obedt servant
Lawd. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
1826

I received your note of this morning for the balance of the White Busters son - when articles in the hope of your hope, or are are presented for repairs by Indians, it is impossible you know, for me to decide whether the articles are private or public - and possibly take it for granted that they belong to the Indian

I am placed in an awkward situation by such a distinction - causing additional visits and a call on the Interjection to make English Nations - and thus perhaps, be not properly understood

Two other Indians have this morning called with their guns - and have sent them to your Shop - one of them is the bearer of my note.

To
D. Lamont Esq

Very respectfully
Yr. Obedt
Lawd. Taliaferro

Sir (Circular) Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi -
2^d April 1826

I have now to inform you of the several locations which have from time to time been made within the limits of this Agency, under the act of Congress, heretofore referred to in my first Circular of date the 10th of April last for establishing permanent Posts for carrying on trade with the several Indian Tribes and for other purposes -

The several points at which trade is now authorized to be conducted - you will find named as Posts respectively and the names of all the Posts, must form a System as nearly as may be practicable - except at the location near Fort Snelling -

General list of Posts -

viz N^o 1. Fort Adams

- 1 At Lac Qui parle - Post at the house of Col: Fur Coy -
2 Fort Washington
- 2 At Lac Traverse, House of the Col: Fur Company
3 Fort Columbia
- 3 Upper Sand Hills, Chyama for Red River - House Am: F Coy
4 Fort Bidder
- 4 On Crow Island of the Mississippi - House of Am: F Coy
5 Fort Rush
- 5 Junction of Chippeway & Mississippi Rivers - Am: F Coy
6 Fort Union
- 6 At Favoré des Sioux - House of Col: Fur Company
7 Fort Factory
- 7 At a point near Fort Snelling on the St. Peter -
8 Fort Barbour
- 8 At the Falls of St. Croix River - House of Col: Fur Coy
9 Fort Calhoun
- 9 At Leach Lake - Mississippi - House of Am: F Coy
10 Fort Bolivar
- 10 At Leaf Lake of Leaf River - Col: Fur Coy
11 Fort Pike
- 11 At Red Lake of Red River - House of Am: F Coy

N^o 12 Fort Rice.

- 12 At Devils Lake - beyond Good Creek - House of Am: F Coy
13 Fort Greene
- 13 On the River Agency - of St. Peter below Big Stone Lake
14 Fort Southard
- 14 At the forks of Red Cedar River - House of Am: Fur Company
15 Fort Lewis
- 15 At the Little Rapids on the St. Peter - House of Am: Fur Coy
16 Fort Confederation
- 16 At the (2^d) forks of the Des Moines River - House of Col: Fur Coy
17 Fort Benton
- 17 At Sandy Lake - near Mississippi - House of Am: Fur Coy

The Laws generally on the subject of Trade and intercourse with the several Indian Tribes will be strictly and rigidly enforced at this Agency, not only as it regards Trade but also as it relates to the introduction of Spurious Beavers into the Indian Country, which hereby prohibited under recent instructions from the President of the United States, and it has been my duty to make known, that in no case will ancient Spots of any kind, be permitted to enter the limits of this Superintending, from any section of the Country whatever - except for and on account of the United States -

- To
- " Robt Stewart
- " O. N. Postwick
- " Dan: Lamour
- " Lewis Row
- " J. H. Lockwood
- " Wm. T. Tilton
- " Joseph Robette
- " Alexis Bailey
- " L. L. L.

I am very respectfully
In your obedt servt

Louis Taliaserra
Indian Agent
at St. Peter
for Upper Mississippi



Indian Agency St. Peter
31st May 1826-

Sir/

You will perceive by the enclosed accounts some increase of expenditures during the Quarter ending on the 31st of May 1826- and accounted as follows viz. Five dollars per month added to I Camps bill pay as Sioux and Chippewag Interpreter, its induced him to abandon the Indian Trade & there being no other competent person in the country has compelled me to the measure - Secondly the sum of Fifty dollars paid for a suitable dwelling for the Interpreter and his family - and \$80.52¹/₂ cents paid for the transportation of sick and convalescent Indians of the Agency Superior ~~and~~ ^{at} ~~St~~ St Peter between of house from St. Peter to Lac Traverse in September 1825-

Also the sum of \$250⁰⁰ in goods & provisions for the Special Agent: to be presented to the Families and connections of those Chippewag & Men who unfortunately died on the Progress from the Treaty at Pean de Chinois to their respective Villages in the fall of 1825-

The greatest economy has been observed in regard to the disbursements to which this letter refers, consistent with the good of the service - to which my attention is at all times directed.

I have the honor to be
Your obt. Servant

To
Genl. William Clark
Supt of the Affairs
At St. Louis

Saml. Talcott
Indian Agent
At St. Peter
for Upper Mississippi

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
31st May 1826

It affords me great pleasure to be inclosed to state (for the information of the Government) the Sioux and Chippewag of this Agency, to be more strongly disposed to remain at peace, than reasonably could have been calculated on at any former period, they beginning to feel sensibly the benefits resulting from their late negotiations at Pean de Chinois, their hearts have been good, the performance in one of the longest and severest winters ever experienced in this country & during which more than seventy families perished.

The idea still prevails with both Nations, that their respective Boundary lines are to be marked out for them, and to be performed at the earliest day - I have had the honor to address a letter to you some months since, touching this unfortunate subject and sincerely hope it may meet the favorable consideration, which I am fully convinced it merits - As we should retain tranquility between the several tribes as the first step towards their civilization - the hands and for many hands of the Government is solicited to be extended to thousands of Red Skins in this Agency - who have been taught to be grateful and will be ^{undoubtedly} grateful for any attentions or favors bestowed on them.

The: faith of Brody, my exertions, for the welfare and happiness of my Indians - has been unceasing for more than six years, and the Records in this Office, go to show, the various and trying scenes thro which I have passed, to arrive at the grand object - a general pacification and final adjustment of all their unhappily differences - In fact it must be acknowledged that my heart and hands, in the various unexpected & surprising occurrences of old age & even under casualties, has touch deeply my private funds - I wish to be understood by any means,

that in mentioning this subject to you - that

I for a moment would expect my Country to reimburse me. No Sir, that my means could be so profitably employed - is worth to me more than all the riches of Potosi.

The limited amount of funds for this Agency for the last Three years. could not be applied in any manner to meet the just expectations of new tribes on first visiting this Post or even of those with whom intercourse is well established.

Some revision of the laws on trade & intercourse with the Indian tribes has become necessary, so as to ~~be~~ rendered more plain in their applications

A separate volume ^{forming} a regular code of laws for the Indian Department is highly to be desired one which would go to embrace all the powers of Indian Agents - independently of the general objects required.

When we shall have good and wholesome laws for the Government of the Indian Country and authentic treaties with all the Indian tribes - It may then be reasonably expected that something like system and uniformity may be observed with effect, and our intercourse presenting altogether a different aspect.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir

To Gen. William Clark } Your obedt Servt

Suprt of the Affairs }
At S^t. Louis }

Law: Taliaferro }
Indian Agent }
at S^t. Peter }
for Upper Mississippi

[Signature]

[Signature]

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May 31 - 1826

In presenting to you, my accounts, for the Quarter ending on the 31st of the present month. It is hoped that the two sums \$250 and \$80 62 1/2 cents found necessary to expend in the fall of 1825 - in extreme cases. Not contemplated as resulting from the late Treaty at Prairie du Chien. May not be considered as constituting any portion of the Goods allowed to this Agency - either on account of presents to Indians or contingents. - It has been found necessary in consequence of the non payment of my Draft for the latter sum, and pressing demands for the first, to include the several amounts in my accounts for the present Quarter.

I hope that my several communications of this, and anterior dates, may prove satisfactory in regard to my disposal of the demands in question against the Government.

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servt

To
Gen. William Clark
Suprt of Indian Affairs
at S^t. Louis

Law: Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at S^t. Peter

Indian Agency S^t. Peter
May 31 - 1826

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This draft drawn on Gen. Clark - in favor of

\$ 423:50

This draft drawn in favor of Messrs Collier and Powell of S^t. Louis. Order of Col for exp -

Sir

Saint Louis Mo
November 30th 1824-

In your publication of the 5th of August last past (1824) in relation to Mr Henn the Clerk - enize - a subject of his Britannic Majesty - whom you state to be unlawfully engaged as the - principle or head of the Columbia Fur Compa- - ny - to refer to me for investigation - you will be pleased to state to me any evidence that may be in your possession - particularly in relation to his trading or being the principal of the company, believed heretofore to be under the direction of William P Tilton Esq -

Very Respectfully
Your obed^t Serv^t

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters



To
Genl Juff Green
St Louis

Indian Agency St Peters
September 28th 1824

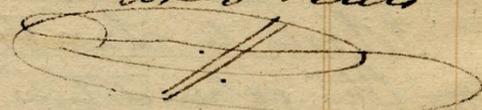
Sir

In consequence of the wide range of this Agency the enclosed copy of a letter from the Department of War, was addressed to me on the 17th of November 1824, and it was expected that a copy of the same had been forwarded to you - My having informed you of its existence and bearing at the late Treaty at Prairie du Chiens, and your not having a knowledge of it - has induced me to take the liberty at this time, to lay the views of the Department of War as contained in said letter before you -

It at once puts to rest any ideal claims which any Agent may suppose he has, as to the construction of any of the Chippewas residing on the waters of the Mississippi above Lake Pepin -

I have the honor to be
Your obed^t Serv^t

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters



To His Excl^y Lewis Cass
Gov^r & Supt of the Office
at Detroit

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peter
September 8th 1825

I have enclosed herewith agreeably to the Request of the 2^d Auditor of the Treasury accounts lately returned to me, wanting the accompanying Abstracts on account of Presents, and Issues of Provisions to Indians - which are now furnished, and may be found inclosed, together with a letter to Mr Lewis touching the same. -

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt

To

Genl William Clark
Supert of In Affairs
At St Louis

Genl Falciferro
Indian Agent
At St Peter

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peter
September 30th 1825

\$80.62 1/2

I have drawn a draft at Sight on you for the sum of Eighty Dollars ^{62 1/2}/₁₀₀ in favour of Waight Prescott or order for the Transportation of Sick and Convalescent Indians from this Post to Lac Traverse - My A/c embracing this expenditure has been some time since forwarded to you. -

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt

To

Genl William Clark
Supert of In Affairs
At St Louis

Genl Falciferro
Indian Agent
At St Peter

Agency Home
St. Peter 10th June 1826

Sir,

Kocomoko still complains of you, and says he is desirous of having the business settled immediately, as he understands you are about to go away

You do not deny the fact of having taken his property, and whether you had his permission or not, the obligation to indemnify him remains, unless he made you a present of it.

I do not think his demand an unreasonable one, and I confess I am pleased with him for being unwilling to commate it for a little whiskey; besides I conceive it might easily be construed into a connivance of mine, were I to sanction such an accommodation of the affair

You will readily I hope Sir, perceive the situation in which I stand in relation to the Indians, in a matter of this kind - I am placed here to attend to their concerns, and when a difficulty of the nature of this arises, they very properly look to their agent as the person to see that justice is accorded them, and if he fails to protect them in their rights, they deny to him that respect so necessary for him to prosper in order to be useful

I trust Sir, that upon reflection, you will alter the determination you have expressed as to the course you would pursue in regard to this matter, and that you will prevent any further difficulty by satisfying the demand

Your proposition to give whiskey in lieu of the articles he claims, is an admission on your part, that he has a just claim to some extent upon you

I assure you Sir, that it is not a captious disposition which prompts me to interfere in this matter - a formal complaint has been lodged with me, and I believe it to be a case which demands of me the course I pursue; I beg therefore, if there is aught in this letter calculated to wound your feelings, that you will consider it as proceeding altogether from a desire on my part to discharge my duty, and not from any personal hostility

Mr. Campbell will hand you this, and if you determine to comply with my request, he is authorized to receive the goods for Kocomoko; if you determine otherwise you will please signify the same to me by letter.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your obt. servant

E. J. Langham Sub Agt

Mr. Alexis Bailly

Agency House

St. Peter 10th June 1826

Sir,

I have received your answer to my communication of this morning, and I perceive my letter has produced that which I endeavored to prevent, for a feeling of anger seems to me to pervade almost every sentence of your reply - I am sorry for this, as well as for the determination you evince of compelling me to resort to measures repugnant to my feelings, and which will be productive of much inconvenience to ourselves as well as to others.

My dear Sir, it appears to me we are making "a puddle in a storm" of this matter, and I beg that as I cannot recede, you will

It is true I may have been premature in forming an opinion as to the reasonableness of the demand, for I am unacquainted with the value of most things in this country, but nevertheless I think you ought not to be the arbitrator in that, in this case, especially as the Claimant and you differ so widely in your estimates of it.

You say that you are willing, and always have been, to replace the banks, or to give others in lieu of them, but from all appearances it would seem that you are inclined to consult your own convenience only in doing it. You ought not to expect, I think, that he is bound to await it.

As to his being in your debt, you and he agree differ widely, for according to his account he has observed more than good faith, and has in fact overpaid you.

I am obliged to you for extending the time of your departure until tomorrow morning, as it will give me time to reflect on the proper course to pursue.

Kocomoko goes over with Mr. Campbell this time, and I trust that when you are face to face, you will be able to adjust your accounts, and put an end to this affair - but permit me to reiterate my request that you will be less obstinate and not permit so inconsiderable a matter to put strife between us.

I am Sir very respectfully

Your obt. servant

E. J. Langham Sub Agt

Mr. Alexis Bailly

I did not take copies of my letters to Mr. Bailly, but the propriety of doing so having occurred to me while the subject to which they relate was fresh in my memory, I sat down and wrote the foregoing, so that I am sure they contain the substance and amount as is necessary, the words of the originals.

Agency House

St. Peter 10th June 1826

Sir,

A Chippeway Indian was stabbed by another with a knife, a day or two since, near Mr. Bailly's trading house. The wounded man was brought over to the Agency house to day, and the perpetrator of the deed is here also.

The act being done on the Military reserve, my duty directs me to give you information of it, and you will decide whether it would or would not be advisable to take the aggressor into custody.

Punishment in such a case might perhaps be a wholesome lesson to the Indians, and teach them to respect the military reserve when upon it

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your obt. servant

E. S. Pougham Sub Agt

Col. Snelling

Agency House

St. Peter 12 June 1826

My Children, The traders have informed me that you expect your father Major Taliaferro, to hold a Council with you this summer at Lac qui parle, and that many of you are assembled there already, awaiting his arrival

My Children

Your father was disappointed in receiving goods to take with him to give you, or he would now be on the road to see you, and take you by the hand. He is gone to your Father the Red Head, at St. Louis, to get such goods as will be useful to you, and if he can get back in time, he will certainly go to see you yet

My Children,

If he should not come do not get angry and say the white skins are all bad men and liars: there are to be sure, some bad men amongst them, as well as amongst the red skins, but my children, your father Major Taliaferro is not one of these. His heart beats warm for his red children, and he will never, intentionally, wrong or deceive them. If he fails to come the fault will not be his.

You know my children, the elements obey not the will of man, be his skin red or white - that the waters rise and the winds blow, just as he lists who rules over all - Nor can any man do that always do that which he wishes to do - circumstances,

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 over which he has no control, will sometimes prevent him from accomplishing his intentions, however good they may be, and in such a case, it is the part of a friend, although he may himself be a sufferer by the failure, to bear with patience any inconveniences or disappointment resulting from it; I therefore hope my children, that you will so conduct yourselves, in the event of his not coming, as to testify to your white brethren, that you can submit without murmuring to unavoidable things, and that you are not disposed to attribute any disappointment of the kind to bad motives

My Children

I am a new father to you, none of you have ever seen me, but I am disposed to tread in the footsteps of your other father at this place. He is greater than I, and I but obey his will in sending you this talk, I hope however that you will pay as much attention to it as if it came from him

My Children,

Let me impress upon your minds, that you ought always to bear in your remembrance the council which you have heard at this agency, and the necessity of observing and keeping it - Do not fall out with one another nor with your neighbors the Chipeways, but adhere in all things to the stipulations of the treaty made last year at Prairie des Chiens - Your father, the President, was at great expense and trouble to collect the red skins together at that place, to reconcile them to one another, and he is now desirous to reap the good man's best reward, the satisfaction of knowing that his exertions have been crowned with success; you will therefore I hope my children, put no bar, by bad conduct on your part, to such a consummation of his wishes

My Children,

Let me beg of you to respect the lands marks of your neighbors; to refrain from hunting or trapping within them, and if any of them shall trespass upon yours in that way, to lay aside your

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anger and strike not, but seek to be redressed by
means of your agent at this place
And my children above all let me enjoin upon you,
that you attach no blame to the Indians, if you
should not have the pleasure to see your Father
among you this summer. They were fully author-
ized to say he would come, for they had every
reason to believe it, and they have freely offered
every facility in their power to aid him to ac-
complish it

And lastly my children, Permit me to hope
that you will open your ears to my talk, and re-
ceive it with the same kind feeling with which
it is sent, and may the Great Spirit preserve you
live many years. Mr. Prescott will deliver
this talk to you and cause it to be explained
in so full a manner, that you cannot, I trust,
misapprehend any part of it

I am, my children,
Your Father
E. J. Langham Sub Agt

To the Upper Sioux Chiefs
and their bands assembled
at Lac qui Parle

Agency House
St Peter 13 June 1826

Sir,
I will comply with Col. Snelling's request,
in regard to the delivery of William Dickson's trunk,
with pleasure
Maj. Taliaferro requested me to ask the person
who should call for this trunk, to examine it for
papers respecting Carver's grant - If you think that you
are authorized to make such an examination, and
if papers of that description are found, to hand

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them at the Agency house, you will greatly oblige Major
Taliaferro as well as

Your obt servant
E. J. Langham Sub Agt
Mr. Wright-Prescott

Agency House
St Peter 24th June 1826

My Son,
By the absence of your Father Major
Taliaferro, the discharge of the duties of an official pa-
rent has devolved on me, a man whom you have
never seen, and in that capacity I received from
the hands of Mr. Prescott your written talk, which
I have read, and I am sorry for the conduct of
which it gives information

I have also received and heard in Council
Mitcheyanbo, who says he is your messenger, and
am sorry to learn that ill health prevented you
from coming in person to see and to take your
father by the hand

The conduct of the "Bad Birds",
of which you complain, shows to you that some
of our people are like the young and head strong
men of the red skins, hard to restrain; and that
they sometimes, by precipitate conduct, make crook-
ed and bad in a moment, that which takes the
chiefs and wise men of the nation a long time
to make straight and good again

But your Great Father, The President, is vigilant

52 in the discharge of all of his duties, and he will not permit any trader to pursue a course so eminently calculated to counteract the wise measures he has introduced for the benefit of his red children. His arm is long and strong, and it will certainly reach them if they are guilty, and put a stop to any further abuse of the privileges he grants them, for they must cease to practice such frauds, or they must cease to be traders.

You have done wisely my son, by sending information of these things to your father at this place, and your having done so, shows that you are desirous of keeping an unclouded sky above the heads of your people and ours.

I trust my son, that you will continue to walk in the same path, and keep me advised of the conduct of all the traders, as well as of that of the red skins.

And I hope that the little trader of whose good conduct you speak so highly, may continue his exertions to "kindle a fire" among you, and that you, my son, will give him your assistance so long as he shall observe the same correct deportment.

The limited supply of goods in store, prevents me from sending you a present, but your Father Major Taliaferro, will return before you make your fall visit, and bring goods with him, and then he will be enabled to make you one worthy of your acceptance.

I hope to be here at that time also, and to smoke with you ~~my son~~ the pipe of peace and friendship, while the flag of our country waves proudly over our heads.

I am sorry for the loss which your tribe has sustained by the death of some of its best men, but it was the dispensation of the Great Spirit, whose acts are too wise to be scrutinized by man. He has taken them to himself. They are gone to the

53 great council above, and we who are left, ought not to mourn too long, for the blow which he in his wisdom saw proper to strike.

Nothing has occurred in this part of the world to disturb the tranquility which has prevailed since the treaty of last year at Prairie des Chiens, except the horrid massacre of a French family near that place, by the Winnebagoes, the perpetrators of which are about to be delivered up, I believe, to the civil authority of the United States, by their tribe.

I am my son

Your officious father
E. J. Whigham Sub. A. S.

To Flat-mouth
Chief of the band of Pillagers
of Leach Lake

Tuesday 27th 1826

Sir, Flat-mouth, the chief of the band of Pillagers of Leach Lake, has arrived, and he has expressed a wish to see you, as he thinks that the information which he has to communicate is of sufficient importance to meet your ear.

Will you be so obliging as to grant him an audience, and to signify to me at what hour it will be convenient ^{for you} to receive us.

Very respectfully

E. J. Whigham Sub. A. S.

Col. J. Snelling
Commanding Fort Snelling

Tuesday 27th June 1826

Sir, As Flat-mouth wishes to depart at an early hour of the day on tomorrow, we will

54 avail ourselves of the permission contained in the latter part of your note, and wait on you at 5 o'clock this evening

Respectfully
E. J. Langham Sub Asst

Col. Snelling

Wednesday 28th June 1826

Sir, Flat-mouth is disposed to postpone his departure until the weather shall become fair. He feels too, somewhat unwell in consequence of having used the bottle freely last night. I have therefore sent back the escort, and hope that you will again be so obliging as to allow him on when he shall be ready to depart.

You will pardon I hope the trouble we give on this occasion.

Very respectfully
E. J. Langham Sub Asst

Col. Snelling
Fort Snelling

Agency House
St. Peter 1 July 1826

Sir, As neither you nor myself know what the arrangement is between Major Tullahoma and Mr. Samont in regard to the Armorer, and as there are almost daily complaints from Indians against him for refusing to do their work, I deem it advisable to discontinue to employ him.

He will therefore consider his services as Armorer, to have ended with the month of June of the present year.

Very respectfully
E. J. Langham Sub Asst

Mr. Baker Supts End

Agency House 56
St. Peter 1 July 1826

Sir, Many complaints have been made to me by Indians, that you refuse to do their work as well upon my written request to do it for them as without it, and as several of my notes to that effect have been returned to me, I am inclined to believe those complaints are not without a foundation in truth. You will therefore consider your services as Armorer to have ended with the month of June of the current year.

Respectfully
E. J. Langham Sub Asst
Mr. Francis Mayotte
Supts End

Agency House
St. Peter 1st July 1826

Dear Sir, I have received information through several channels, that a considerable quantity of whiskey, in kegs of 8 and 10 gallons, had been given to certain Indians of this Agency, belonging to the several villages on the Mississippi below this place, as well as to some belonging to villages on this river, by Mr. Robette or person connected with him in trade, and that you had sanctioned it.

I do not believe Sir, that you had sanctioned any such means, but I have ascertained to my satisfaction, that Mr. Robette has given a good deal of whiskey to Indians of this Agency in kegs of that description; and it seems that in doing so, he has ^{been} careful to select individuals related or connected by marriage to the several village chiefs, which gives to the

56 transaction the appearance of an effort on his part, to secure to the Company of which he is a member, the trade of those villages - In one case the whiskey was sent by him to the village chief.

There were two kegs sent by him to Little Crows village, and a frolic ensued which terminated in blows by which a man of Red Wings band was mortally wounded.

It will be in vain for the agent at this place to endeavor to prevent the improper introduction of whiskey into his agency, if the traders below are not prevented from practicing such means of disseminating it, and I give you this information in order that you may take measures to detect them in their malefic practices.

I am Sir, very respectfully
your obt. servant -

E. J. Langham Sub-Act

N. Peilwin Esquire

Indian Agent

Prarie des Chiens

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
July 5th 1826

I deem it my duty to enclose herewith to you - an extract from Mr. Langham's report received on my arrival at this Post - the 2nd of the present month, by which it will be perceived, the course which some of the traders are adopting, to bring up before this Agency into contempt, with as much noise and abroad.

In the strict and just performance of my duties, it appears that I have been so unfortunate as to have fallen under the heavy displeasure of Joseph Potow of Prairie du Chien and Alexis Bailey near this Agency - but whose character however cannot but be well known to you. Therefore any comment on my part is conceived to be unnecessary.

Mr. Robble instead of addressing his complaints to you (if indeed any he had) has made them to Governor Cass, who has, I understand, informed him, that as I would in all probability receive an appeal from some other section of the country soon - as my friends were sufficiently influential to obtain one for me - he thought it best not to take any steps in the matter for the present - of this fact there is no doubt.

I was so unfortunate as not to be enabled to reach this Post in the Steam Boat - consequently had to disembark at Waipushan Village and to procure a Canoe and Indians and after a most fatiguing journey of six days, I arrived as before stated on the 2nd of the present month. It is much to be regretted that the Goods intended for the expectation to Lac qui Parle - had to be taken back as far as Prairie du Chien - as they will not come to land sooner than the 20th Inst. -

An Express will be started to Lac qui Parle on tomorrow - by which the Indians are to be informed of any determination to see them on or about the 15th of August. -

Mr. Schoolcraft has addressed me a letter relative to the cargo of the Chippeways who had been embarked in the sail at Mackinac for the

Sir

Indian Agency for Pelee
July 5th 1826

I deem it my duty to enclose herewith to you - an extract from Mr. Langhams report received on my arrival at the Post - the 4th of the present month, by which it will be perceived, the course which some of the traders are adopting, to bring if possible this Agency into contempt, both at home and abroad.

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Mr. Schofield has addressed me a letter relative to the capture of the Chippeways who had been embarked in the jail at Macamoud for the

62 for the Murder of the four Citizens on Lake
Pepin in Summer of 1824. Should any of
them visit this Post, they shall be attended to
and secured, but the means are not within
my reach at present, to pursue them into their
own Lands, and in fact my present engagements
will not admit of it - even had I every facility -
to the accomplishment of this highly desirable object.

The Sub Agent at this Post, Mr. E. T. Sampson
will leave this on tomorrow for Prairie du Chien
with the view to ~~disrupting~~ the transportation
of the Indian Goods intended for this Agency -
and I seize this occasion to state to you my
entire approbation of his whole conduct during
my recent absence to St. Louis - and that he is
a most valuable acquisition to the Department.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your obedt Servt

Saml. Talcott
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

For the Upper Mississippi

To
General William Clark
Capt of Indian Affairs
At St. Louis

Agency between
July 12th 1825

It became very early to apprehend a case of the
introduction of whiskey into this country by Henry
Bailey a trader near this Post, and this too in violation
of positive instructions communicated in my circular
letter of date the 6th of April last past, to those
employed in trade generally, that no article spirits
of any kind, would be permitted to enter the limits
of the Superintendency from any section of the
Country whatever - except for use on account
of the United States - - -

I have to request your aid in enforcing the
law, in the case above alluded to -

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servt

Col. J. S. ...
Comd'g
Fort Snelling

Saml. Talcott
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Notes Squaw to the Inquiry Report. The Commanding
Officer caused the Store of Henry Bailey to be examined
and found two Barrels of Whiskey - Mr. B. has as I
understand a quantity of Brandy on hand -
which was not seized as contraband on the occasion
above alluded to - The traders generally feel sensible
the operation of the law prohibiting the introduction
of ardent spirits into the Indian Country - and some
who are unprejudiced, attach blame to the Indian Agent
for enforcing its provisions -

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Sir

Indian Agency St. Peter
July 24th 1826

Having at length received my Goods and made arrangements, I have the honor to inform you that my departure for Sac qui parts takes place this day - and it is believed that the trip will be accomplished in thirty or forty days.

From the most authentic information which has been recently received at this Agency - it appears that there will be not far short of Five thousand of the Yankton, Sisseton, Wahpeton, Sisseton, Wahpeton and Madawakarton Bands or tribes of the Sioux, assembled for the contemplated Council at Sac qui parts.

It may be in my power to accomplish all with those Nations, than any man could, single handed and with the same limited means. - It has been my fortune to stand alone, in all important communications with the Sioux & Chippeways - by this I mean - without money & without men.

However allow me to assure you Sir, that this remote section of your Superintendency - shall not suffer at my hands and your Will directed thus but in the power of man.

I have to inform you of the seizure of two Barrels of Whiskey - taken as the property of Alexis Bouly - one of the traders near this Post - which will be conveyed to St. Louis, by the first favorable opportunity for advertisement as can be had.

I have on some occasions conceived it not improper to permit each trader to take with him into the country one ten gallon or two eight gallon kegs of Whiskey or brandy - but not more.

Genl W. Clark

I have the honor to be Sir
with the highest respect
your obedt servt
S. P. S. J. A.

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peter 65
August 5th 1826

It is with deep regret and great concern that I have to inform you of the recommencement of hostilities on the part of the Wahpacotaw band of the Sioux against the Chippeways on Chippeway River.

The War party consisted of the Wahpacotaw with the addition of five young men from the Village of the Leaf Chief - headed by that old Vagabond the French Crow in person.

It appears that on ascending the River some distance, this party fell in with a Society of Chippeways who on discovering the Sioux left it, expecting that the visit was a friendly one - when the Sioux fired on them - killed one and it is supposed mortally wounded another. The retreat of the War party was so precipitate that no scalps were taken.

I have given you this very unexpected as well as unpleasant information - in anticipation of a Report from the Chippeways in a few days - that I may receive your particular instructions as to the course proper to be adopted in regard to an occurrence so vitally important in all its bearings on the views and policy of the Government.

I returned to this Post yesterday for Provisions for the Expedition to Sac qui parts having left the public property or Traversed des Sioux to be taken two hundred miles by land in Carts. The Water in the St. Peter being too low for Maumee Boats.

Thirty or forty of the Pillagers were on a visit to the Yankton & Wahpeton - fifteen days since at Big Stone & Sac qui parts - who were well received and returned to the Mississippi.

As I leave this day for my destination before stated - Mr. Day & the Sub Agent will receive any instructions you may deem

66. proper to give, and act upon them in
my absence. — I have the honor to be
with the highest respect for
Your obedt Servt

To
Genl Will Clark Saw. Taliaferro
Dcpt of In Affairs Indian Affairs
at St. Louis At St. Peter

Indian Agency St. Peter
Sept 5th 1826

Your letter of date the 18th of August past
was received a few days since, while in Council
at Tavernier des Lions, requesting to be informed
of the grounds on which I founded the following
paragraph in my communication to the Sec
of War of December 10th 1825 — "did receive
of D Whitney Merchant at Grand Bay an
invoice of Merchandise to be disposed of
on Commission or Salary, and stored the same
in the Agency House, and traded by him to
Soldiers, Citizens & Indians indiscriminately."

As you have selected the foregoing as the only
exceptionable post or point in my letter to the
Dept of War I can very accurately answer you
on it — I have my own knowledge and
eye sight for two thirds of the Charge and the
Authority of At St. Olley Esq a highly respectable
Citizen of this Post for the balance —

I never had in all my life a disposition
to injure any man — but the duty I owe my Coun-
try is paramount with me to every personal
consideration. The extremity of Morale clearing
is nothing to me — being well acquainted with
faces both rough and smooth — With due respects

To
John Marsh Esq
P. aux elusiers

Your obedt Servt
Saw. Taliaferro

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To Jean Baptiste Fairbault, Alexander Fairbault, Joseph Montreuil and
Francis Sabathe,
Gentlemen,

You have been mentioned to me as persons
who wish to obtain licenses to enter the Indian country as traders, and it
being my wish to license you, if it is possible to do so under the provisions
of the laws of the United States regulating trade and intercourse with
the Indian tribes, and the instructions and regulations of the proper De-
partment of the Government under the same, I take the liberty of point-
ing out to you, what those provisions are, in regard to granting
licenses.

Those laws forbid me to grant a license to any person
who is not a citizen of the United States; you will therefore come
prepared to show that you are such.

A regulation of the War Department, directs
me to take a bond from the person to be licensed, with security,
in the penal sum of the one half of the amount of the value
of the goods to be used in the trade, and a bond with se-
curity in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for each for-
eigner to be taken into the country in the capacity of
Interpreters and Boatmen; you will therefore come prepared
to give bonds with one or more persons as security, who shall
be worth the amount for which he or they shall become
bound.

You will also come prepared with a descriptive list of
such foreigners as you intend to take into the country
with you in the capacity of Interpreters & Boatmen,
made out in so minute a manner as to identify the
persons; and bring with you also an Invoice of the goods
to be used in the trade, which shall show the
amount of the capital employed.

There is another regulation of the War Department which prohibits a certain description of persons from entering the Indian country in any capacity, but as I have no cause to believe that either of you belong to that class of persons, I deem it unnecessary to point it out to you

I am told Gentlemen, that you complain of me for not granting you licenses, and that you will exhibit charges against me on that account: before you do so, let me remind you, that you have not personally applied to me at all for licenses: that no person has for you, who came prepared to comply with the foregoing requisitions; and that a compliance with those requisitions, is indispensable to the attainment of such licenses

I am Gentlemen very respectfully
your obedient servant

E. J. Langham Sub Agent
St Peter Oct-8 1826

P.S. I would be glad that you would apply personally for your licenses, there is no necessity for a man who wishes to enter the country honestly as a trader, to employ another to transact the necessary business with the agent, for I will at all times do all the writing. Again respectfully

E. J. Langham S. A.

To practice deception seems not to be a new thing - with some men who ought to know better - Interest governs the trade to a hurtful extent - where men resort to deception to carry out their plans - Here by the Letter of Mr Langham It seems that men were to be smuggled as it were into the Indian trade - and when detected in their malefic practices - to threaten the Officers with the Law - or Charges de See -

66. hopes to give, and act when there is

St. Louis April 2^o 1825/1

67.3

Sir/

I have to inform ^{you} of the suit which has as instituted last September against me by Alexis Bailey of St. Peter for enforcing the law prohibiting the introduction of ardent spirits into the Indian Country. -

The ~~case~~ comes on for trial. The second Monday in May next ensuing, and my presence is required under a ~~recognition~~ ^{penal} of One thousand dollars. -

The principle as I understand is to be tried, whether the Indian Agent or the Commandant of a Trading Post, has the power under existing laws to search for and seize whiskey found in the possession of any person in the Indian Country - under this or any other consideration, it becomes my duty to use every proper means by Council and ~~the law~~ - to give eye sight to those who seek to be blind, and I hourly believe that unless prompt and efficient measures be not taken in this ~~particular~~ case, that it may prove needful to endeavor to restrain traders from similar infractions of the law ~~for the future~~ - in future. -

~~It is earnestly hoped that the Government will give to me the necessary support & countenance in a matter of so much importance - as one example may save much trouble and expense ~~for the future~~ ~~to and for the future~~ and place the matter beyond all doubt as to the ~~author~~ ^{author} loyalty of the Agent in question. -~~

I embrace the opportunity also at this moment to state, that as the Buildings at this time erected at St. Peter is not sufficiently commodious for the comfort of the Officers of the Dept. - I beg leave to request that I may be authorized to expend from Five to Seven hundred in the erection of a Sutable House for the Agent & Sub Agent. - that such an one is now necessary, there exists no doubt as the Sub Agent or myself must on average at the Post, be without a shelter from the weather,

I have the honor to be
 with the highest respect for
 your obedt Servt
 Genl William Coker
 Capt of the
 at St. Louis }
 Secd: Tahaferro
 Indian Agent
 at St. Peters

Sir
 St. Louis April 3^o 1827

I have the honor
 to acknowledge the receipt of
 your four communications of date the 17th 26 &
 27 of March past, touching several important points
 for my early consideration.

It will be necessary in order to a more full
 and satisfactory refutation of the contemptible
 allegations brought against ^{essentially} me, with a view to effect
 my private & official ^{standing} character, that I should make
 the requisite report from my Agency, where all the
 evidence necessary may be had in a few days.

The Chippewy ~~tribe~~ of my Agency, will be directed
 equally to their instructions to consider themselves
 attached to the Agency of Mr. Scholcraft and will
 be ordered to visit the sub agent at such an
 stand in future.

It is ~~to be~~ remarked that the shock
 which this order will cause to the Chippewy
 on its being communicated ~~to~~ to them ^{after 7 years} - may
 prove serious in its operations which will be
 unmarked and believed by them to have been
 caused by or through the instrumentality of the
~~traders~~ on the Lakes - ^{the truth of which}
 there is but too much reason for ^{their impressions} ~~believing~~
 the Council held at Lac Superior last summer
~~not to be considered~~ any evidence.

I have the honor to be

constant
 intimacy with the St. Peter Agency

Sir
 St. Louis April 1^o 1827 69

Having been recently informed of a disposition
 on your part to transfer to some other Agency - I have
 consequently determined to address you on the subject
 of an exchange of Stations - This is considered
 by all acquainted with its advantages to be supported
 by none in this Superintendency - our Salaries appear
 to be the same ~~thirteen hundred dollars~~ per Annum -

Should you be inclined to make the transfer in
 question - be pleased to enclose a copy of this letter
 the Hon Secretary of War for his consideration together
 or with the one from yourself - which when approv-
 ed is to be considered equally binding.

My only object in making you the foregoing
 proposal is an earnest desire to remove to the South

I have the honor to be
 Your obedt Servant
 to Maj Benjamin Smith - Secd: Tahaferro
 Indian Agent
 Tusculum Ala }
 Indian Agent
 at St. Peter

70 Dear Sir/

St. Louis April 14th 1827

Enclosed is Mr. William Laichlows Bond and discriptive list, accompanied by two Affidavits of his having been illegally engaged in the Fur Trade

I will thank you to commence suit against him accordingly - altho the gross amount of the Bond taken appears stated at \$10500 - it is to be understood that each Foreigner entering the Indian Country for the purpose of being boatmen or Interpreters as the case may be, are generally and as is the case in this instance bonded each in the penal sum of \$500 -

Mr. Laichlow may be expected at this place in all May or June - I have the honor to be

Your Obedt Servt

Saml. Tahaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis
Clerk of the Court

To Mr. Allen -
Dist. Attorney Genl.
for Missouri

Indian Agency St. Louis 71.
September 8th 1828

Sir/

I have had the honor to receive your two letters of date July 9th & 10th. The former enclosing a printed letter from the Depart. of War with enclosure directing me to use every possible exertion to obtain the information therein requested & the later enclosing a copy of a Report of me with the Affidavits of Messrs Lafumbeau & Farrelault relative to William Laichlow a subject of his Britannic Majesty at present in the employ of the Columbia Fur Company

That the first may be attended to as speedily as possible, I shall place the papers in the hands of Capt. Langham Esq. the Sub Agent at this Port, who will if practicable obtain the information which appears to be so highly desired and should be furnished - but success in this quarter, is doubtful, as none of us speak the French, and there are no Interpreters here, who understand the English - sufficiently intelligent to throw much light on the subject of Language had we seen some of the Indians. The second enclosure requires a specific answer, which shall meet my attention, without loss of time

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt

Saml. Tahaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

To Genl. William Clark
Supt of the Affairs
at St. Louis
For Messrs Messyproppin

72
Sir

Indian Agency St. Peters
September 10th 1826

In the discharge of the various & important duties of the Office of Acting Indian Agent of Indian Affairs at this Post during my temporary absence from it, you will follow the general Instructions filed in my Office - emanating from the Department of War and the Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis - and you are hereby authorized to open and attend to any and all communications (official) which may reach this Agency, from either Department.

The daily Journal, with all the European Laws on the subject of Trade and Intercommerce with the Indian Tribes, together with the Book of Reference as to the Character Standing and weight of influence of the several Chiefs and head men of the Sioux and Chippeways remain on file, to all of which you can refer, should you be at a loss on any particular point, not embraced in this letter of Instructions. - You will take

Charge of my private house I have the honor to be

Your Obedt Servt

Saml. Laframboise

Indian Agent

at St. Peters.

Do
For Upper Mississippi

Chas. T. Langham Esq

Sub Agent

at St. Peters

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peters 73
September 7th 1826

I have received your letter of July the 10th with the copy of Mr. Rollet's letter and the affidavits of Laframboise & Alexander Farnebault enclosed. It is possible, perhaps probable that Mr. Laillan may have violated the laws of the United States, but before a suit is commenced it will be well to ascertain how far the charge can be sustained, and whether it may not result in great expense without any advantage to the public service.

I shall always feel myself bound to obey promptly all the instructions I receive from you, but never the less consider it my duty in doubtful cases to refer the subject back for your farther consideration - Since the receipt of your letter I have made diligent enquiry into this business and the following is the result - Mr. Laillan is a Scotchman and he came into this country in 1821, and obtained his first certificate in 1822. he went to St. Louis in 1824 and obtained his second certificate, and is now entitled to his letters of Naturalization. - He has been with the Columbia Fur Company as Clerk or common hand for some years, but I am unable to ascertain by satisfactory evidence that he has ever engaged directly in trade - It is true he may have taken care of the trading house in the absence of his principal for a few days, but this is an unavoidable necessity to which every man who goes into the Indian country, for the purpose of trade is liable.

It appears by all the information I can collect that Louis Berquand was licensed to trade at the Tavern des Sioux with Mr. Laillan as one of his hands, that he afterwards exchanged his location with Francis Grandin at the Hotel des Rapides, and that these two persons were at least assisted by the traders

of the establishment - Said law courts an investigation and with so much confidence that he must either be innocent of the charge, or very confident that we shall fail in the proof - as for Mr. Rollet, no statements coming from him deserve credit, it would be an absolute waste of abusive epithets to throw them away upon him - his character as a liar, drunkard and smuggler of whiskey into the Indian country is too well established to be questioned, in fact he groans in what should be his shame - it is but a few weeks since that I seized two eight gallon kegs of whiskey which had been sent by this man into the neighbor hood of Fort Snelling to debauch and corrupt the Indians of my Agency - It is true I have only Indian testimony, but I sincerely believe they received it from him. Alexander Farneault when affidavit he has sent you is a youth so extremely simple as to make his intentions very questionable; the other (Laferriere) is also a youth and under the entire control of Rollet - whatever considerations their oath may be entitled to it is certain that neither of them visited Mr. Grandin's establishment more than once, and could not have had a personal knowledge of the facts to which they have sworn.

I submit these things for your consideration - because I am unwilling to create unnecessary trouble and expense, but if on further reflection you think Mr. Lindlaw's Bonds should be put in suit. I shall immediately do it.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir

Yours Obedt Servt
 Supt of Ia Affairs }
 at St. Louis }
 Saut. Taliaferro
 Indian Agent
 at St. Peters

Indian Agency St. Peters
 May 5th 1827 -
 or the 4th Inst

Sir

On my arrival at this Port, I found a party of the Chippeways of the St. Croix and Rum River with Peacock at their head on their annual visit to this Agency - I now write by them to inform you that it has become (by order of the War Dept) my special duty to direct all the Chippeways recently forming a part of this Superintendency to consider themselves in future as belonging wholly to the Agency of Mr. Schoolcraft - This party has been accordingly so directed and ordered to report themselves to you at Michals Island - they have been forcibly impressed with the idea that you will extend to them, the same Fartherly protection and Council which they have received and so fully experienced for the last seven years from me -

I should be happy to hear from you so soon as a favorable opportunity may offer -

I have the honor to be
 Your Obedt Servt
 Saut. Taliaferro
 Indian Agent
 at St. Peters

I have the honor to be
 Your Obedt Servt
 Saut. Taliaferro
 Indian Agent
 at St. Peters

To George Johnson Esq
 Saut Agent
 Michals Island
 Sac Superior

Indian Agency St. Peters May 2^d 1827

Sir

I have now the honor to be enabled to report upon the charges preferred by the agents of the American Fur Company against me, also on certain exceptions taken by Robert Stewart Esq. of Mackinac to locations reported for trade and intercourse with the Sioux and that portion of the Chippeway tribe lately separated from this agency.

I will begin with the case of Scott Campbell, whose certificate a copy of which is herewith endorsed and marked **A** attested by two highly respectable officers of the 5th Infantry will fully explain the grounds on which Dingley formed his report to the Commissioners, at the council held at Fond du Lac Superior. 2^d the charge by Morrisson as to the Guelle Platte - altho not worthy of note - yet it may be necessary for me to observe that I have not seen this chief of the Pillagus since early in the month of June 1825. He was however on his annual visit to this Agency on or about the 8th of June 1826 during my temporary absence to St. Louis on public business with the Superintendent of Indian Affairs - If this chief together with a considerable number of the Chippeways of the Mississippi failed to attend the treaty at the Fond du Lac last year, such failure is ascribable only to the remissness of the Commissioners authorized to hold it - for certainly they must have had full powers from the Department of War and which might have been so far as I was concerned made known to me in due season to have ensured their attendance.

That the authority that has been exercised over the Chippeways of the Mississippi and its tributary waters above Lake Pepin by me for the last seven years, may not appear to have been assumed on my own responsibility I deem it proper to enclose letter **B** from the Department of War of date the 17th of November 1821.

The 3^d charge as to my having given Kenneth McKenzie whiskey to distribute among the Indians, and this too as some remuneration for the trouble

his Company was at in bringing the several bands of the Sioux to the treaty of 1825 at Prairie du Chien is met by the certificate of said McKenzie marked **C** and herewith enclosed. The 4th charge as to whiskey given by me to William Savidlaw a foreigner, to distribute to the Indians at Faversham des Sioux during the Council held at that place with the several bands of Sioux last summer is met by the certificate of said Savidlaw - herewith enclosed marked **D**. The certificates of my Interpreter and the frontiers men who were with me for twenty days at Faversham des Sioux might also be forwarded, but are not considered as material to the conclusive testimony of Savidlaw. The 5th charge - taken in course as to my conniving at violations of the law, in permitting foreigners to be engaged in the Indian trade and that notwithstanding I had been frequently notified of those abuses, yet permitted them to go on, can it is believed be easily explained. - When most of those persons complained of first entered the limits of the United States in 1820 & 21 they repaired without loss of time to St. Louis Missouri and took their first steps towards becoming citizens thereof. McKenzie and Savidlaw have for the last two years - from their having received their final letters of naturalization - have been admitted to all the privileges of American citizens.

Savidlaw's bonds has been put in suit - from the affidavits of Saprombin and Sarcant of his having been illegally engaged in trade, as will appear from the enclosed letter marked **F** and addressed to the District Attorney of the U States for Missouri.

It is true that in 1824 I find that Kenneth McKenzie and Duncan Graham were licensed by the Subagent who had been but a few months in the office and therefore not sufficiently acquainted with their claims to this privilege and believing as he afterwards informed me that their having a certificate of naturalization as far as his ideas of the law extended did entitle them to receive their licenses - The moment the information reached me and without loss of time

78 they were officially notified of their revocation -
after which they did not receive permission to trade
until the year 1826

Jeffreys has from time to time
been bonded in the Columbia Fur Company's ser-
vice, as Interpreter, father of mine I know nothing
nor is there any evidence before me in corroboration
of his having been otherwise employed

Kipp & Picot reported to be roaming & trading
through the country at pleasure, do not belong to,
nor are they licensed from this Agency

I can in truth assure you Sir, that I have afforded
all the protection possible, to the instructions of the
President of the 18th of March 1818 to Governor Cass
on the subject of permitting foreigners to enter the
Indian country, under certain conditions and
restrictions

To show why and the cause which led to whistkeys
being permitted to enter the Indian country in the
fall of 1825 shortly after the treaty of Prairie du Chien
I have enclosed herewith a copy of a letter of instruc-
tions to Wright-Premont Esq. of date the 24th Septem-
ber of the same year

I will now touch on the trading posts - as arranged
for the Sioux and Chippeways, under the Act of
Congress, establishing permanent places for carrying
on trade and intercourse with the several In-
dian Tribes - I will do Mr. Stewart the
justice to say that his groundless exceptions were
formed from the report of Joseph Robette the
Company's Agent at Prairie du Chien, a man
of very bad character and one reputed for his
want of principle - and policy alone compels
the Company to continue him as their Agent - for
he could destroy all their prospects of gain in
this country if discharged - of this fact there is no
doubt

The Posts established at Crow Island,
Leaf Lake, Sandy Lake, Leach Lake and

Red Lake were made exclusively for the Chippeways ⁷⁹
which the Sioux had no concern, and I do assure you Sir
that this report was one of deep concerted policy and that
the American Fur Company will now that the respective
agencies have been defined by certain limits, keep up
at least four out of the five locations complained of
as being useless and expensive to the trade, and when he
is pleased to say the Sioux should never be drawn to
I have been at all times opposed to forming more Posts,
than were really necessary - consulting the convenience of
both the Indians and traders - and particularly so
to extending them a very great distance in the di-
rection of our frontiers or the heart of Indian hunt-
ing grounds - but all that have been made did at the
time fully meet the views and approbation of both
Companies, except the one at the 2^d forks of the Des Moines
in regard to the establishment of which an insinuation
has been made worthy the character of the author of it.

I cannot but think it unkind in the Agents of the American
Fur Company that they should have taken this course in regard
to the trading posts - particularly when it was understood
last fall that some three or four of the most remote would
at the earnest desire of the Indians be recommended to
the Department of War to be dispensed with.

The Locations at Devils Lake, Cheyenne fork of Red river
and river Aux Bois of the St. Peter were particularly
recommended and urged by Joseph Robette the Company's
Agent as before stated at Prairie du Chien - of the truth
of this no doubt whatever remains on the mind of Mr
Stewart for I forced him to acknowledge the fact to that
Gentleman at Prairie du Chien on the 17th of the present
month

I have gone on Sir, to justify my official
conduct - altho I am well assured that both the principal
Agents of the American Fur Company - Messrs Stewart & Crook
were fully satisfied and so expressed themselves at the Prairie
a few minutes previous to my return to this Post - but
as their charges against me have been in all probability
admitted on record in the Department of War, I am
disposed that this exposition of facts may also ac-
company

company them. It is Sir, a great misfortune that public officers when charges are preferred against them have to remain as it were for months with a certain degree of odium attached to their conduct, before a fair and conclusive exposition of facts can be adduced to clear this undesired stigma from his reputation

I will conclude this defence by remarking that it has been carried by the personal hostility of Joseph Rollette and Alexis Bailly two men who glory in what should be their shame

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your obt servant
(signed) Saw. Taliasoro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

To Gen. William Clark
Sup. Ind. Affairs
at St. Louis

Indian Agency St. Peter
June 3. 1827

Sir

I have the the honor herewith to enclose for your consideration my account of Receipts & expenditures in the 3^d Quarter of the year 1827 at this Agency.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your obt Servt

To Gen. William Clark
Supr of Ind. Affairs
at St. Louis

Saw. Taliasoro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Sir

It is with deep regret and great concern that I have to inform you of the commencement of an open rupture between the Sioux and Chippeways

On the night of the 28th inst. while the Flatmouth Chief of the Pillagus and a detachment of the Sandy Lake Indians were peacefully encamped below and in front of the Agency house and directly under the guns of the fort, nine Sioux from the villages above this attacked the Sandy Lake Indians and wounded eight of them - three supposed mortal, four very severely, and one slightly. They are all in the hands of Doct. Al'tonahon Surgeon of the Post from whom they are receiving every possible attention that humanity can dictate

I immediately notified the Sioux that as they had insulted me, as well as the flag which waved over this land, they should give ample satisfaction for their wanton and cowardly conduct to the Chippeways - They accordingly on the 29th gave up one man and in the course of the day by measures adopted by Col. Snelling the Commanding Officer eight others of the party were taken

This morning the Sioux delivered in person to the Chippeways two men of their tribe who they said had been most forward in attacking their lodge and requested that they might be immediately executed, which was accordingly acceded to and carried into effect by them - These together with the two delivered on yesterday and disposed of in the same way seems to have had the best possible effect on both nations, but the war Sir I think has commenced and to reconcile them will be no easy task

As soon as had the Sioux learned the relation in which the Chippeways were about to stand in regard to this Agency in not again visiting it, than determination was apparent in the countenances and actions of all, which to me fully

indicated their ultimate views and determinations. I had hoped that it would have been in my power to have complied with the late order of the War Department in regard to those unfortunate people before it became known to the Sioux - Not so, for in some unaccountable manner, tho perhaps through a trader at this Post, they were made acquainted with their destiny, sometime previous to its passing officially through me.

I had consulted on the 6th of May with the St. Croix Chippeways, and forwarded a letter by them to Geo. Johnson Esq. Sub-agent at Michaels Island, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

On the 27th of the present month a council was held with the Grande Platte or Flat-mouth, at which the views of the Government in wishing the Chippeways to remain on their own lands, were fully explained under your instructions of the 29th March last past, an extract from his talk is herewith enclosed, from which you may learn his views and the state of his feelings in regard to the change, and I regret that his predictions have been so soon verified.

The White Cloud of Lac du Lac arrived this morning with a few comen - but it is my determination to start them all off on tomorrow the 1st of June for their respective villages, with positive orders not to visit this Post again.

It is hoped Sir, that the prompt and decisive measures which became necessary to be adopted by both the civil and military at this Post in regard to the unfortunate affair between the Sioux and Chippeways may meet the views and approbation of the Government -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir your obt servant -

To Gen. W. Clark -
Sup Ind Affairs St Louis
(Signed) Saw. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

P.S. I would beg leave to suggest Sir, that the Sub-agent at Michaels Island be removed as speedily as possible either to the Fond du Lac or to Sandy Lake to take charge of the Chippeways of the Mississippi, for where he now is he never can have the slightest control over the Indians for whom he has lately been appointed
P. S.

Indian Agency St. Peters
June 14th 1827.

Sir/

Since enclosing my accounts to the 1st of June 1827. My pocket book, with my papers only has been placed in my way. - The vouchers to my Account which were taken with it have been recovered and are herewith enclosed to accompany the accounts if necessary. -

I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt

Saw. Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

To
Gen. William Clark
Sup of Ind Affairs
at St. Louis - } for Upper Mississippi

Indian Agency St. Peter
June 27th 1824

Sir,

I am still of opinion that changing the destination of the Chippeways after seven years uninterrupted intercourse with this Post, so convenient for them in every respect, to be the main cause of the unfortunate rupture of the 28th of May.

The prospects before me since the treaty of Prairie du Chien were of the most flattering kind - a number of intermarriages have taken place along the line, and I estimated for the small sum of six hundred dollars to enable me to visit the Chippeways of the Mississippi this spring past at Crow Island, to counsel them as I had the several bands of the Sioux last Summer at the Traverse des Sioux.

To maintain peace between these Tribes, the same Agent should conduct their general concerns and aid them by his constant and undivided attention - It is impossible for any man at a station several hundred miles distant, to manage with effect, Indians within the immediate vicinity of another Agency - I say Sir, it is impossible, and time will prove the correctness of the assertion.

You observe in your letter of instructions, in regard to the Chippeways - "If there be any who should prefer you as their Agent, satisfy them that Mr. Schoolcraft and the sub-agent Mr. Johnson at Michaels Island, the latter having been stationed there to be near them, have the same kind regard for them that you have, and will treat them as Father." Sir, every Chippeway on the waters of the Mississippi above Lake Pepin, prefer me to any other man at present known to them - this is beyond all dispute - I do assure you Sir, that I have been at great trouble and pains to impress in the most favorable light the foregoing paragraph on the minds of those unhappy people - for really I have for years past been truly anxious to get rid of them, as the few hundred who visit this Post have given me more trouble than all the Sioux taken together - but I never would without positive instructions, take the responsibility of ordering them off from

this Agency - believing that as my commission embraced the Upper Mississippi that I was equally bound to attend to the general concerns of both Tribes - It is well known that no matter what degree of confidence Indians may repose in their Agents generally - when we move directly against what they consider to be their interest and convenience, it is a task of no easy accomplishment to change the current of their feelings or opinions. I profess to understand Indians and the management of them, and how to gain their esteem and confidence - I am now authorized in saying this, from practical experience - the best and sweet witness of the fact. I am no writer of books, nor do I expect to add to my fame or fortune in that way - but move on and do my country service without such aid to give a more lively and glowing colour to my humble operations in the Indian country.

So far as it regards the indiscriminate licensing to enter the Indian country trade by persons wishing to engage therein - I am bound to plead not guilty - for I have not granted permits to any trader to enter any other Agency East of this - for some years past two respectable young men, P. Prescott of New York, and O. F. Baker of Virginia, having been trading with the Chippeways of the Mississippi, when it was considered at the time I had an undoubted right to let them go.

This Agency Sir, was filled with traders licensed from other Agencies from the year 1819 up to the Spring of 1825, particularly from Mainack - so much so, that I seldom had occasion to grant more than from five to ten licenses per annum for nearly five years.

Circular letters have been addressed to the Traders, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, by which your instructions are complied with in regard to changing the names of the Posts and authorising them to construct their buildings of different kinds to suit their own convenience.

At the request of the trading company's I beg leave to recommend that the Posts, Devils Lake, Cheyenne fork of Red river, River aux Bois, 2nd forks of the Des Moines, and the Falls of the St. Croix, be discontinued with - Trade has been suspended at the five foregoing Locations until the pleasure of the Department of War be

known thence

I some days since received information (authentic) that thirty Ojibagoes on the 29th of May joined fifty young men from Wapushas band of the Sioux, formed a war party and moved against the Chippeways on Chippeway river - this party returned from their enterprise but a short time since, having taken the scalp of an Indian well known at this Post, and one of the signers of the treaty at Prairie du Chien - This band has for the last three years been surrendered wholly to the superintendance of Joseph Rollette of Prairie du Chien

One of the Chippeways died a few days since of wounds received in the unfortunate affair of the 28th of May, and two others are expected shortly to follow him - The greatest tranquillity prevails at present in the neighborhood of this Post -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect Sir
Your obedient servant

Signed Saw Taliaferro

Ind. Agent at St. Peters

To
Gen. William Clark
Capt. of Ind. Affairs
at St. Louis

Indian Agency St. Peters June 7th 1827

Sir

I send you herewith a list of Posts, at which trade is hereby authorized to be conducted with the several bands of the Sioux, within this Agency, upon Licenses first obtained, either from the Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis or of the Indian Agent at St. Peters -

- Post No. 1. At Lac qui Parle
- 2. At Lac Travers
- 3. At the Travers des Sioux
- 4. At the Little Rapids on the St. Peters -
- 5. At the Entry of the St. Peters -
- 6. At the Mountain in the Water -
- 7. At the Mouth of Chippeway River
- 8. At the Forks of Red Cedar River -

All Trade is hereby suspended at the following Locations, until the pleasure of the Department of War be known

- No. 1. At the Cheyenne Fork of Red River -
- 2. At the River aux Gris -
- 3. At Devils Lake, beyond Goose Creek
- 4. At the 2^d Forks of the Des Moines River
- 5. At the Falls of the St. Croix River -

The term Forts some time since given to each of the foregoing Locations, is hereby abolished - and are henceforth to be called and known by all concerned as now arranged - Traders are authorized to construct their buildings of different kinds to suit their own convenience - but must be within sight of each other -

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

To
Robt Stuart
Benjamin McKenzie
Joseph Rollette
&c &c &c

Saw Taliaferro
Ind. Agent
at St. Peters

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
July 4th 1827-

I this evening received the enclosed letter from Mr. John Clark Sub Agent at Prairie du Chien by a Special Express, which (arrived) reached this Post at 5 o'clock P.M. The original was apparently to Mr. Marks request submitted immediately to Colonel Snelling for his consideration. - What measures he may deem proper to adopt in a matter which is really considered of much importance - I am not as yet informed. -

Since the occurrence of the 28th 29 & 30th of May last past, the Sioux have generally left this vicinity, they commenced to ad off on their usual Summer hunt - yet never in any season heretofore, have they taken every individual from their Villages. - Generally leaving some of their Boys and women to take after their corn crops. -

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servt

Saml. Palfreman
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

To Genl. William Clark
Supt of In Affairs
at St. Louis

P.S.

I opened this package this morning to say that the Capt. Officer Col Snelling has given orders that our harmless men be exempt and held in readiness to march at a moments warning to Prairie du Chien. -

July 5th 1827-

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters 89.
July 4th 1827-

I have this day been favored with the reception of your two letters of date the 2th and 14th of May last - your instructions in regard to the introduction of Whiskey into the Indian Country - shall be strictly and rigidly enforced, so far as in my power. - but Sir, what can I do against the unhappy conduct of Prairie du Chien - or more particularly Mr. Rollet of that place, who authorizes his traders to convey Indians on board their Boats down to him to receive annually quantities of this article to distribute among the Chiefs and head men - to debauch & corrupt them. - I have stated many similar cases of this nature and it is deemed needless to continue repeating, that which I am sorry to say has no remedy. -

It is a curious and a hard case on other traders this great advantage of a convenient Station to push Whiskey into every portion of the Country. - Many of them complain heavily of it, but I am unable to remedy the evil - So it must go on. -

Four ten gallon kegs of Whiskey were cranked at the head of Lake Pepin not long since, by the Sioux. The Peter Corbett informed me that he was to receive two kegs for his share from Mr. Rollet, and that two of his young men were to bring them up for him. -

As usual to your request I herewith enclose a list of all Persons attached to, and serving in the Indian Dept at this Agency, which it is hoped may reach you in due season to comply with the Resolution of Congress of the 27th April 1816. -

I have just learned by letter from Mr. Forsyth that the Sac & Fox Chiefs had succeeded in their endeavours to prevent war parties from going against the Sioux of this Agency. -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect

To Genl. William Clark
Supt of In Affairs
at St. Louis

Your obedt Servt
Saml. Palfreman
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
July 5th 1827-

I recd last evening at 7 o'clock P.M. your
communication of date the 26th June by express. -
It was immediately submitted to the Comd^g Officer
at this Post, Col. Ingham, and he desires me to
inform you that he has given orders this morning
that one hundred men with two keel boats be
engaged and held in readiness to move for your
peace at a moments warning. -

I would advise you to recommend to the
authorities of Prairie du Chien in case of imminent
hostility on the part of the Indians, to move into
the Fort. Take what ammuntion the traders may
have in the town for their later expense. -

The Sioux of this vicinity are generally off
on their summer hunt, but what is very
unusual, have taken very considerable from
their villages. not having time to attend
to their corn crops. -

Indians have been seen by some of the
French men, to be lurking about at late
hours after night for a number of nights
but no mischief has as yet been done. -

The two Wenaboson are still at this Post
and in confinement, but ^{are} managed as much
as is thought consistent with their safety. -

Very Respectfully
Your obed^t Serv^t

Louis P. LaFare
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

To
John Marsh Esq
Sub Agent
at Prairie du Chien

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter 91
July 9th 1827-

Since my communication to you of date the 4th of
the present month in which was enclosed a copy of a letter
from Mr. Marsh the Sub Agent at Prairie du Chien - not-
ifying me of the hostile disposition of the Winabagos and
other particulars - a second Express reached us this
morning from the same place - bringing intelligence
of the attack of those people on the inhabitants
of Prairie du Chien - in which two men and one
child appear to have been killed - and of an other
attack about the same time on two keel boats
fifty miles above the Prairie - returning from this
Post after discharging their cargoes of provisions
for the troops. - A letter from Mr. Joseph Helling
who was a passenger on board one of the boats gives
to the Comd^g Officer of this Post a detailed account
of this unpleasant affair. - He says that the
front boat which was ^{by accident} a few miles in advance
of the one in which he was - was attacked in
the evening and from them being nearly five
hundred bale holes in ^{the hull} the Indians
must have been in ^{considerable} force - They boarded
this boat and attempted to run her ashore
but ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{voluntarily} shot down by the crew, who were
tolerably well armed - The rear boat was also
attacked but after several rounds on both
sides the Indians set off a tremendous yell
and ceased firing - having run the work of
the bargain - as on board of the boats there
were only two men killed & five wounded
of the Wenaboson some ten or fifteen. -

Col. Ingham leaves this evening with four
companies of his Regiment to relieve the Citizens
of the Prairie, who have taken shelter in the
Fort Crawford. None of the Sioux are
near this Post. Nor have I seen more
than five or six for twenty five days

All humanity aside, it is now high time to punish not only severely, but to excommunicate the whole Winabago Nation - One Thousand Men ought to be sent without loss of time from St Louis and Green Bay to meet the Detachment from this Post and sweep the Country

As Governor Cass & Col McKennay were supposed to be at the portage of the Wisconsin a few days since - it is feared that their scalps have been taken - Mr. March started for Green Bay according to his instructions but returned to the Prairie, having narrowly escaped the vengeance of the Winabagos on the Wisconsin

I have the honor to be with the highest respect your obedt Servt

Genl William Clark
Cape of the Officers
at St Louis

Saml Galiaferro
Indian Agent
at St Louis

RJ

As I sent my accounts for the last quarter by the two contractors houses that were attacked recently by the Winabagos, and fear full they may have been lost in this affair.

L.T.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo by your Express - which arrived at this Post late last evening - As it is presumed that Mr. Fowler will give you all the concerns, Military of this Post - I will confine this hasty communication altogether to our Indian Relations.

I was fully apprised of Warfishas determination to give the aid of his band, and also his influence with the several Sioux bands to the Winabagos - Some time since

His runners have been busy with the Indians of the Plains, embracing those from this vicinity also.

The war belt & painted tomahawk reached a part of Penitens band - but a long ceremony the principle Sioux of the party, told the Messengers that they might take back their Belt, as they were not for war

Penitens and the Little Crow were both here yesterday, and gave me the foregoing information & said that there was no doubt but that something bad was going on out in the Plains.

From the continued absence of the Black Dog with all his people, and the entire neglect of his corn - I am inclined to believe him to be on his way to the Forks of the Red Cedar, to meet with Warfishas - who with his band have been long engaged in making a strong work near Nettles trading house at that place.

The report is, that this chief informed the Sioux through his Messengers - that to the Forks of Red Cedar they might repair in case of a scarcity of ammunition - where they would be plentifully supplied.

I am of opinion that a few young men from some of the bands, will unite with those of the lower band of Sioux - I do also believe that the small party late Messengers on Canon River and the Old French Crow with his ten or fifteen men will be hostile to us and with their other friends join the Winabagos

94 In case of hostilities on the part of the Sioux
against this Post - I shall take it upon myself
to accept of the proffered services of four hundred
of the Chippeways of the Mississippi and St. Louis
& lead them myself -

All the wounded Chippeways - (except one) left
this Post on the 18th of July - Genl. Johnston
marched a detachment of troops with them
nearly to Plum River - The Note in the Day
lost his daughter the day before their departure -

You may rest assured Sir that the
continued outrages of the Winabagos, has had
a most pernicious effect upon the Outlyous
tribes - They have already assumed a degree of
arrogance by no means favorable to peace
and good order, and unless some prompt
and efficient measures be speedily adopted
to restrain them, those Indians will continue
to avail themselves of every opportunity to express
their hostile disposition to the Americans by
murdering all who may have the misfortune
to fall into their hands.

Most respectfully
Your obedt Servt

Leed Tuleaferis
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

To
Colonel J. Sully
w/ his Army
Fort Crawford

P.S.
Mrs. Sully and the children are all well
& are only rest in consequence of your absence
My best wishes to all the officers of
your command - yrs. J. J.

Sir

95
Indian Agency St. Peter
August 1st 1827

An Express arrived yesterday evening from
Rameau de Champs, with communications from Col. Sully
of date the 25th July past, which is the first intelligence
from him and his command since moving from this
Post on the 9th of the same month - Col. S. informs
me that the Winabagos are establishing two strong
camps, one on Rock River with six hundred Indians
and another on the Wisconsin with the residue
of near hundred. - I rather believe the information
in regard to their strength is somewhat overrated -
Notwithstanding the Menomones have joined
these people on the Wisconsin.

I am credibly informed that Washpahas
band of Sioux have joined this confederacy
against us - his warriors have been quite busy
with the war belt & Red Tomahawk among the
bands engaged in hunting on the plains this
Summer such as crying over the heads of many
and requesting them to take pity on their relatives
& friends the Winabagos and join them with
their bands in the war against the Americans.

I at present know of no other Village of Sioux
but one now on the plains from the immediate
vicinity of this Post likely to listen to Washpahas
waspahags. - A portion of the Washpahas
may unite with the lower band of Sioux and
join the Winabagos.

The Petit Corbeaux, Penetion, Red Wings & the Kato
Sioux bands are most of them very near this Post
and from all their recent talks ~~to~~ with me
are likely to remain neutral - Wahpahas, ~~to~~ or the
Black Dogs band to which I have before
alluded are on the plains and have not been
heard from for some time - His Village is
within four miles of this on the St. Peter

and from his having taken every man woman and child with him and wholly neglecting their corn crops - am inclined to believe that the Winabagos are to receive his assistance also -

Our situation at this time is not the most pleasant one, however much we may defy our neighbours it cannot do away the inconvenience of our intercourse with the lower country, whenever they may think proper to cut it off - unless some prompt and efficient measures be speedily adopted to restrain them these Indians will continue to avail themselves of every opportunity to escape their hostile dispositions to the Americans by deserting all those who may have the misfortune to fall into their hands -

The continued outrages of the Winabagos has had a most pernicious effect upon the contiguous tribes, they have already assumed a degree of arrogance by no means favorable to peace and good order - The Winabagos I have been informed, are anxious as one of their trophies to obtain my scalp, and a Sioux Indian a few miles above this Post, did a short time since - make a vow in what is called a "Feast of the Dead" to perform this kind of office for me - so you perceive Sir, that I may expect a pill of lead sooner or later from one of these tribes -

I have determined in the event of hostilities against this Post by the Sioux, to float a number up the Mississippi for the Chippeways who to the number of four hundred men will join me at a moments warning -

I shall enquire on in the management of the affairs of this Agency as if the whole country was tranquilly - holding occasional talks with the contiguous chiefs of the Sioux &c &c -

To Genl William Clark
Capt of the Affairs
at St. Louis -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your obedt Servt
Saw Tahiassero
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Dear Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
August 8th 1827.

I write you by your Express which left this on the 2^d of the present month, in answer to your letter of the 28th July last sent from Fort Crawford giving you in detail such information as was then in my possession touching our Indian relations at that period -

An arrival this day of four young men sent by the Lark to this neighbourhood from the band of Warjushas in quest of such news as might be afloot here and for aught I know to ascertain the disposition of the Sioux in this vicinity in regard to our present misunderstanding with the Winabagos -

These young men however reported promptly on their arrival, and communicated to me the following information - which ~~follows~~ ^{which} is deemed of sufficient import to be forwarded to you without loss of time -

The Winabagos are now to the number of 150 or 200 at their Village opposite the mouth of the Iowa River where they have scattered their men in all the contiguous Islands and nearly as far up as Peau la Croix with two views - one to attack any detachment you may deem proper to send up ~~the river~~ and the 2^d to cut off all persons either ascending or descending the Mississippi - ~~They~~ say they are determined to secure their corn or die - on this you may rely - These Indians also bring the news of the Lark having been found on by the troops on his venting Fort Crawford - and of a young Lad, Petit Corbeau nephew being in confinement at your Post, with many other recent occurrences there - such as the confinement of La Frombois Rock - the movement of the Militia at Fever River Miss &c and of some difficulty with the sub Agent Mr. March - The Escape of the Menomony on the Island opposite the mouth of the Mississippi with many other particulars not worth stating -

The Lark sent me a Special Message - saying ^{that} as many
 lies had been told about him within the last few
 months - He considered it his duty to inform me explic-
 itly by his Brother, that he would not join or have
 anything to do with the Wenabagos or the Whites
 in their present contest - At the a half Winabago
 He it appears is much displeas'd at being find
 on, and the Little Crow speaks in pretty strong
 terms as to the fate his little son as he calls him -
 but however says that he will be the last to take
 up arms against the Americans - on this he said
 I might rely - You will receive a package
 of letters by the Lark in person or his Brother
 who is a very good man and I have told these
 people who are to carry this letter you - that
 you would receive and treat them kindly -

I have no doubt but that you may employ
 them to return with any Mail that may be
 at the Prairie to this Post for a reasonable
 compensation -

I am convinced in my own mind that
 Sagin & Larke did not reach you but were
 murdered by the Wenabagos, as they would
 descend the River in a Canoe, contrary to the
 advice of all here -

No important news as yet from the upper
 country - The Black Dog has not as yet made
 his appearance with his band -

I had every informed at the fall of
 of the first ^{of this} opportunity by Indians to the Prairie
 and believe they have embraced it by waiting -

A white flag is to be shown by the party who
 carry this Express Mail -

I remain most respectfully
 your old serv

To Col Snelling
 U.S. Army
 Ft. Crawford

Saml Julia Ferrer
 Indian Agent
 At St. Peters

I had the Honor to address you a letter on the
 1st inst detailing the constitution of this Agency and the
 progress of the Detachment of the 5th Infantry under the
 command of Colonel Snelling at Fort Crawford in
 its movements against the Winabagos -

Since the date of my last, four of Winabagos has band
 arrived at this Agency on a visit and gave to me
 the following information which has been common
 mention to Colonel Snelling by the persons conversant

The hundred and fifty or two hundred Winabagos
 have returned to their Village opposite the mouth of
 the Lower River to take care of their corn which they say
 they are determined to secure or to die in the attempt

They have small parties constantly on the look out and
 have occupied all the contiguous Islands as well
 as others near Prairie la Poudre - with two views - first
 to attack any detachment of troops that may
 ascend the River, and secondly to cut off all persons
 who may attempt to ascend or descend the Mississippi
 to or from this Post - on this you may rely -

In the attack of those people on the provision
 boats in August last past. They lost four killed &
 seventeen wounded. Several severely - They say that
 they were all drunk at the time or this unpleasant
 occurrence would not have taken place - but as
 they have commenced they are willing to go on with
 the prey - For ought I know the Indians who
 this day gave me the foregoing information, may
 have been dispatched by their band to this Post
 to ascertain the disposition of the Lower in its
 vicinity in regard to our present contest with the
 Winabagos - The young man however reported
 promptly or arriving - and bore to be sure
 a special message from the War Chief of their
 band - informing me of the lies that had been
 told about him - and that it was his position

determination to have nothing to do either with the Whites or the Winabagos in the present contest but remain perfectly quiet &c—

I have had every reason to believe that the two Frenchmen who left this Post on the 2^d Inst with the Express Men for Prairie du Chien have been cut off and murdered by the W's and all our dispatches by them lost.—

Hortations have not as yet commenced at this Post, and my exertions are unceasing in preventing ~~among~~ the Indians of this Agency from falling blindly into difficulty and have strong hopes of succeeding with them.—

You may not suppose Sir that nothing short of a force of One thousand Men will suffice for the service, can not see any thing like tenantry to this bloody frontier

It is earnestly hoped that this may be the case and that Genl Atkinson may command the Expedition - No time is to be lost as a general Indian war may be prevented.—

The Chippewags are very much displeas'd with the late arrangement in regard to their destination and a recent deputation from the Chief on the Mississippi above this & the St. Louis - State their determination of remaining permanently at their Villages until their Great Father the President receives their message, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.—

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir
Your obedt Servt

Saml. Tulliofer
Indian Agent
At - St Louis
Upper Mississippi

To
Genl. Wm. Clark
Supt of the Affairs
at St Louis

Indian Agency St Louis Aug 17th 1827

Sir/

I had the honor to address you on the 1st and 8th inst, detailing the conclusion of this Agency - as to matters of fact and of Speculation, and much fear that neither of my communications of those dates have come your eye

This conclusion is drawn from the firm belief of the decapitation of the heads of the Express Men (who left this Post on the 2^d inst. for Prairie du Chien) by the Winabagos of Prairie du La Croix.—

I had hoped to have heard from you, touching the receipt of my last 2nd &c. up to the 31st of May, also in regard to my Estimate for funds for the 2^d Q^r of the present year—

My Store has become destitute of every article necessary to forwarding the views of Government, in regard to presents for Indians, and a Reserve on hand in case of emergency—

As neither myself nor the Sub Agent, can make it convenient, to attend to the purchase of the necessary Supplies for this Agency, until the month of April or May 1828. I have enclosed herewith an Estimate of such articles as are deemed absolutely necessary for the approaching fall and winter, and beg of you the favor to have it filled and sent up by the first boat bound to this Post—

I am informed that active operations are to be commenced against the hostile Winabagos so soon as Maj Fowler, joins Genl Atkinson with four Companies of the 5th Regt of Infantry from this Post which are to leave this day for Fort Crawford Prairie du Chien—

Shortly previous to the attack of the Winabagos and the lower band of the Sioux on the two provision boats that had been to this Post, they had received a quantity of Whiskey from the Clerk of Joseph Roubidoux of Prairie du Chien, and report to me that they were all drunk at the time, or it would not have happened,

but as they had commenced - were willing to go on with the "play" - So you perceive Sir, what the article of Whiskey is about to cost us in, both blood and treasure - So long as men and money can be furnished by the Government, so long will Whiskey be smuggled into the Indian Country from Prairie du Chien - I speak of this matter from actual eye sight, during the early part of the month of May last, while at that place, and not on the authority of others -

Some of the Traders of the American Fur Company have endeavored to silence me on the subject of their flagitious acts in the introduction of this article into the Indian Country - by their base & infamous lies - but they have and shall find, that I am not to be intimidated, nor beat off the line of my duty to my Country -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servant

Saml. Paleyferre
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

To
Genl. William Clark
Supr of In Affairs
at St. Louis

[Signature]

My Dear Sir

Indian Agency St. Louis¹⁰³
August 17th 1827

I take the liberty to drop a line or two to you by Messrs Fowle who departs this day for Fort Crawford with four companies of the 5th Infantry to reoccupy the old Post at Prairie du Chien and to place himself under your orders - The Major will give you such information of our affairs generally at this place as we have from time to time received -

Altho many communications have been addressed by me to Genl Clark, touching our Indian relations I have not had an acknowledgment of any one of them from him, and am fearful that my letters may not have reached their destination -

I am truly delighted to hear that you are in command of the Expedition which is intended to move against the Winabagos - You may rest assured Sir that the continued outrages of these people on us, has had a pernicious effect upon the contiguous tribes - they have already assumed a degree of arrogance by no means favorable to peace and good order, and unless some prompt and efficient measures be adopted they will continue to avail themselves of every opportunity to express their hostile disposition to the Americans, by murdering all who may have the misfortune to fall into their hands -

The Winabagos have stated to some of the Sioux that if had not been all drunk of liquor received from Prairie du Chien, that they would not have attacked the two provisions boats - but say having done so - they are willing to go on with the "play" -

The Great Cloud a Chepeway Chief of Seach Lake was at this Agency on the 15th inst - with a message from the Soldiers and Soldier Chiefs of his tribe stating that they

were collecting at the above place to the number of five hundred and fifty men - equally to my message, and would be ready on the first intimation to join the Chief of the Soldiers (Col Sullivan) and fight by his side against our enemies &c.

They respectfully complements and kind remembrance to all my friends in the 1st and 6th Regts and accept for yourself my best wishes for the of your present laudable Expectations and for the continuation of your health, happiness and prosperity in life.

Your sincere friend
to Brig. Gen. Atkinson }
U.S. Army }
Fort Crawford }
Saw Gallegos

Indian Agency S^t Peters
18th August 1827

Sir/

I have to inform you for the information of the Government that there are at this time within two days march of Lac la Poudre, nearly two hundred Freedmen from the late Earl of Selkirk's Settlement on Red River, actively engaged in running the Buffalo. - The Yankton & other Sioux to whom this Country was secured by the Treaty of P de Chien are much exasperated at the unlawful conduct of these people, and have sent out several parties from their bands to steal their horses. - This movement on the part of the Red River people is contrary to the known laws of the United States and will if persisted in inevitably destroy all the Buffalo, and leave the Yankton Washington & Sioux to great inconvenience and want.

I am induced further to remark that these Freedmen from the Settlements hunt for all the British trading Posts in the North and then that they have destroyed all the

large game in their own country - They have crossed ¹⁰⁵ the line into our acknowledged limits to deprive the Indians of their only means of summer Subsistence - without farther comment from me.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servt

To
General W. Clark
Capt of In Affairs
at S^t Louis

Saw Gallegos
Indian Agent
at S^t Peters

Indian Agency S^t Peters
September 15th 1827

Sir/

I have enclosed on this date my accounts ^{a Receipt} for the 1st Dr of the present year amounting to \$586.⁰⁰ 35 - and a general Ac with the yearly Abstract of all disbursements accompanying ^{as required} for the expiation of each successive year.

I have the honor also to forward a General Abstract of all licenses granted at this Agency for the current year ending this day - and an Estimate for funds for the year 1828. - I have made an arrangement with the Army Surgeon at this Post, at the rate of \$158 per annum for his medical services to the Indian Department - and from the disagreeable nature of such a service I really think it but just to allow it and beg leave respectfully to recommend a continuance of this small sum for his all important services.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servt

To
Genl William Clark
Capt of In Affairs
at S^t Louis

Saw Gallegos
Indian Agent
at S^t Peters

[Signature]

Indian Agency St. Peter
October 1st 1827

Sir

It is presumed that in future there will be no more idle and malicious reports made to your Office by the Agents or others of the American Fur Company, as the members of it have purchased out and given places to a number of the late Columbia Fur Company - tho: confining them exclusively to the Naturalists settlements - whom they ^{have} vilified and abused ever since they entered the Country and on account of whom I had the honor to be noticed in a long string of charges to the War Department last year.

I am induced to note this recent arrangement between the two rival Companies, merely to place the transaction on record to let it be seen and known to the world what reliance ~~ought~~ to be placed in what Indian traders may say of each other or of the officers of Government placed as a check to their ^{malefic} ~~practices~~ ^{practices} in the Indian Country.

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servt

General William Clark }
Supt of the Affairs at St. Louis } Saw Taliaferro
Indian Agent at St. Peter

Be pleased to forward a copy of this letter to the War Dept

Indian Agency St. Peter
October 2^d 1827

Sir

Enclosed is the copy of a letter recently received from Joseph Rolite of Prairie du Chien Agent of the American Coy - stating his reasons for wishing the location at present at the junction of the Chippeway & Mississippi Rivers, to be changed to a ^{Point} short distance south of Point du Sable on the west shore of Lake Pepin - I think the arrangement altogether proper - the distance being not more than ten miles from the present Seat and will render perfectly safe his trading expedition as the Chippeways have never been known to cross the Lake.

I have the honor to be
Saw Taliaferro
Indian Agent

Genl Will Clark }
Supt of the Affairs }

Indian Agency St. Peter
October 1st 1827

Sir

Your letter of date the 14th of September just is received, requesting the location at the Mouth of the Chippeway River, changed to a point south of Point du Sable on the west shore of Lake Pepin.

Your reasons appear proper and sufficiently well founded to authorize this temporary change of Posts to the point requested.

Having written to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs on the Subject, for the information of the War Department in which Dept a Comdante the power to make these changes, and until the proper sanction be obtained - I have taken the responsibility, under existing circumstances to consent to traders being carried on at Point du Sable

I am your obedt Servt
Saw Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Joseph Rolite Esqr
Agent A. F. Coy
Prairie du Chien

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters
October 15th 1827

I have for a considerable time been a Subscriber to your highly interesting and useful Journal - but regret that in consequence of the appearance of a Piece copied from the "Charleston Observer" of Original Matter communicated in the shape of Queries from the pen of a "Missourian" which appeared in the Herald of the 21st of July last under the head of "Indian Agents" so wholly untrue in points of fact that a sense of duty compels me the reluctantly, to withhold any further Subscription to it in future. —

I have requested my Agent at St. Louis the Revd James Hays to settle up any arrears which may be found against me on your Books. —

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt

To
Solomon Lias Esq
Publisher of Times Herald
Boston
Massachusetts
Said Lias Esq
Indian Agent
at St. Peters
for the Upper Mississippi

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peters Oct 20th 1827
October 20th 1827

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters of the 13 of Sept post with the inclosures - In consequence of the short delay of the Steam Boat I am unable to complete all the Copies of the Abstracts required - which at the receipt forwarded appear not to have reached your office - You may however expect to receive ~~the~~ the one for the sum of \$806.34 1/2 and for the Quarter ending on the 31st day of May 1827 in the course of a few days. —

I have received the two accounts of Goods which you wish me to accept for & return to you as soon as possible - The amt of Goods received for the 1st Qr. 1827.8. is accepted - but the account of those received of Otalun & Puyon on the 15th of May 1826 not being complete - either as to the amount or date of the receipt - I have copied the original account - left the first Receipt blank - which have been taken in my name & dated June 1st 1826.

I have signed the 2^d Receipt to you - but in all probability there may be some mistake - as I gave you on the said first day of June my Duplicate Receipt for the sum for Payments for Indians.

The General Abstract for the last year is also forwarded from the 1st Sept 1826 up to the 1st Sept 1827. —

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir

Your Obedt Servt
Said Lias Esq
Indian Agent
at St. Peters
To Genl William Clark
Supdt of Ia Affairs
at St. Louis

Indian Agency St Peter
October 4th 1827 -

Sir/

I have now to the honor to inclose agreeably and in full compliance with your letter of the 13th of September last past: Two Abstracts of Presents delivered to Indians - in the 3^o Quarter of the year 1826. up to June the 1st and also one other on account of Presents delivered in the 4^o Qr. up to September the 1st 1826 - The first of them amounts to \$991.68 1/2 Cents. The 2^o to sum of 806 34 1/2 Cts. -

To
Genl Williams Clerk
Supt of the Affairs
at St Louis

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
for your own Govt
Law Paliapero
Indn Agent
at St Peter

Indian Agency St Peter
October 7th 1827 -

Sir/

In compliance with your letter of the 13th of September last past, requesting me to give the Commanding General such information as might be in my power touching the general disposition of the several Indian Tribes and report any observations which I might make thereon to your office.

I have the honor to state that it was not in my power to make any thing like an official Report agreeably to your suggestion or of having much conversation with General Gaines in consequence of his very short delay at this Post when last here.

It is even now almost impossible for me to go fully into a detail of all the tribes and portions of tribes, entertaining unfriendly feelings towards the Government - but this much I am prepared to state - That

most of the Indian tribes are more or less inimical
accounts of no doubt and the main cause of this disposition proceeds altogether from old feelings of animosity, and then are kept alive by the continued intercourse of their old English Friends who perhaps from ignorance and a particular regard to interest, continue the name of Saguash or Shaginash when among them - This circumstance may to most persons appear both trivial and simple in itself, but it is a fact and facts are stubborn things. -

The Sioux are not so generally opposed to us as is supposed or believed - but again we have many enemies still, and even if not for their dispersed situation and great want of unanimity among the several Bands - we should have had much trouble with them this year they having had every disposition to attack us at one period during the Spring -

but the joining course added to a consideration of the awful consequences that might result from such a step - determined them to await the final issue of our Military movements against the Winabagos - On what has been said so far as I have gone, you may rely -

The Chippeways on the waters of the Mississippi above Lake Pepin are extremely friendly to us, and the evidence which I have to offer in corroboration of this is - the fact of their having collected together at one period this last Spring a large body of their Warriors, and positively offered their services to me to go against either the Sioux or the Winabagos, and it was with some difficulty that they were induced to disperse and return to their Respective Settlements Bands. -

The Winabagos generally are extremely hostile to us, and nothing but the progress of the movements of the different Military Corps

112 presented a general rupture with them - my opinion is firmly fixed in regard to the truth of this, from information not to be circumscribed. - You may expect a continuance of their demonstrations of hostility - for be assured that the moment the Red Bird and his party shall have met their doom by execution - new outrages and new atrocities will positively commence. on this Sir you may also rely. -

That the Potawatamies would be likely to join the Winabago, I cannot offer a very decisive opinion, but from the great internecy subsisting between these people, and the general character of the former with which I am acquainted - leads me to believe and indeed to say that would be but little doubt of such an union offensive and defensive. in case of a rupture with the latter tribe. -

The Sacs and Foxes enjoy so many advantages, resulting from their treaties with us. that altho we have many enemies among those two tribes particularly in the former that nothing serious may be apprehended from them unless we should have a war with the Great Britain - then not only these but nearly every tribe within our territorial limits would be against us - Many of them visit Malden annually, and so long as this continues to be the case - neither the Agents nor any other persons can ever change their ideas entirely in regard to the secret charm in the word Shagenash. -

I have the vanity to believe that my Management of Indians is as popular with them as any man can possibly be, but for all this. I have not the

Slightest confidence in any profession of friendship or attachment, which they may demonstrate, either in regard to the United States or myself individually. -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir your Obedt Servt

To
Genl William Clark
Supr of the Affairs
at St Louis

Saul Taliapero
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Sir Indian Agency St Peter Sept 30. 1827

I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of a Letter of date the 24th of August 1826, from the D^o Aud^r of the Treasury - enclosing a Statement of Differences on the Settlement of my accounts to the 1st of March 1826. amounting to Two thousand and seventy three dollars and sixty three cents. -

As I have the honor to be found against me, I have taken the liberty to call your attention to my Letter to you (a copy of which is enclosed) dated at St Peter September the 8th 1825. which Letter accompanied the two Abstracts embracing the sum above stated, and also the further sum of \$865.21 cents amounting in all as included in these three Abstracts to \$2938.86cts

I am of opinion that the Abstracts of the suspended sum, may probably be found on the St Peter Agency Book in your Office - Should this be the case you will greatly oblige me by ordering a copy of them to be taken and forwarded to William Lee Esquire D^o Auditor of the Treasury. -

To
Genl. Will Clark
Supr. of the Affairs
at St Louis

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir your Obedt Servt
Saul Taliapero
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peters
September 30th 1827-

I have to request your attention to the Suit of Alexis Bailly against me for the Seizure of Two Barrels of Whiskey illegally introduced into this Country by said Bailly an Indian Trader, in contravention of the Laws of the United States - regulating trade and intercourse with the several Indian Tribes

At the usual term of the Court held in May last at Prairie du Chiens this Suit was continued at the cost of the plaintiff and will be for trial in May 1828.

I will give you One hundred dollars for your attention to this business and the additional sum of fifty dollars in case the cause results in my favour, of which there can be no doubt

I did not Seize the Whiskey myself, it was done under the order of Col Snelling, but wish not to take advantage of this fact - but to go fully into the merits of the case, that the principle may be tried - Be pleased to let me hear from you, whether it will be convenient for you to give me your professional aid under the foregoing proposition.

I had determined to employ you from the highly respectable references attached to your Law published in the St. Louis prints - which has since the Spring met my attention.

I have the honor to be
Your obt^d Serv^t

To
John Turner Esq^r Law Solicitor
Councilor & Attorney at Law
Galena
Joe Davis County
Missouri

Law Solicitor
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peters
October 25th 1827-

The enclosed letters to the Department of War, with the one from Colonel Snelling, are merely intended to show the grounds on which my Commutation of the 10th December 1825 was mainly founded, in regard to Mr John Marsh and to prevent any appearance of a motive other than the public Service required at my hands.

Be pleased to forward them to the Dept. -

I have the honor to be

Yours the highest respect

Your obt^d Serv^t

Law Solicitor

Indian Agent

at St. Peters

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To

General William Clark
Sup^t of the Affairs
at St. Louis

Sir

Indian Agency St Peter
November 26th 1827.

Your two letters of date the 30th of September and 11th of October past. I had the honor to receive on the 20th of the present month.

Your sanction to the change of the location at the mouth of the Chippewaug River, to a point south of Point au Sable, on the west shore of Lake Pepin, was requested by letter from this office on the 2^d of October last, enclosing Joseph Rodolus application to that effect.

In regard to the statement of your account against me. I have to remark that after overhauling & transcribing my accounts for two years past, commencing with the 1st of Sept 1825 and ending on the 1st of September 1827. - It is ascertained that I did not receive the actual sums viz \$705.34 1/2 on acc of Presents, and \$120.71 1/2 for Contingents from you - but that same amount is merged in the two sums \$806.34 1/2 and \$166.71 1/2.

The general acc alluded to is herewith enclosed in which you will find full and explicit remarks as to the direction of the several sums, for which you have not had receipts.

My receipts agreeably to the original vouchers n^o 1 & 2 enclosed are dated June 1st 1826. So as to bring the articles received within the 2nd of that year, and then are the same goods which Mr Langham brought to this Post by the Steam Boat Pilot, except the five hundred pounds of Powder which was purchased by me under your sanction & added to the same account in St Louis, whilst there in June 1826.

You may rest assured that the sums, before stated include one and the same amount of goods, for the same quarter and for the same purpose, with the addition of the Powder above mentioned, which makes the difference in the amount of Presents.

I have enclosed ^{also} a complete set of acc for the expenditures made at Travers des Sioux in August and September 1826.

To Genl William Clark
Suplt of Indn Affairs
At St Louis

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Your obedt Servt
Saul Galiaferro
Indn Agent

Sir

Indian Agency St Peter
1st December 1827

In a conversation with Mr Dingley, who was on a visit to this Post a few days since. - He informed me that the statements which he made in Open Council at Fond du Lac in the summer of 1826. would not have met the public eye, but for your earnest desire that he should repeat the purport of a conversation which he had held with Mr Agnew in presence of the Commissioners.

by which it appears you were anxious if possible to cast odium on my official and private standing. These statements however together with some others of a similar cast, have been met, and happily accounted for to the entire satisfaction of the government.

I wish you now to state unequivocally whether it be the fact, that you did or did not take the course opened to you by Mr Dingley, on the occasion above noticed. - If answer in the affirmative, there is but one course, an alternative that should but seldom be resorted to, except in similar cases when ones honor is so materially concerned.

My mind Sir is fixed, must when & where we may.

I am Your Obedt Servt
Saul Galiaferro

To
Henry R. Schoolcraft
Indn Agent
at Sault de Ste Marie

Sir

Indian Agency St. Louis
2^d December 1827-

Enclosed I have the honor to forward my ac-
count for the first Quarter of the year 1827.8 up to the
first day of December for your consideration.

I have drawn one Draft on you as Agent
in favour of Messrs Collier & Powell for the sum
of \$675- and one other in favour of May T. Biddle
of St. Louis for the sum of \$125- for the amount
of which several sums on acc of Salary & Contingents
I have signed and enclosed my duplicate Receipts

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servt

Law Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St. Louis

To
Genl William Clark
Supt of In Affairs
at St. Louis

Indian Agency St. Louis
January 10th 1828

Dear Sir

Your letter of date the 1st of October last post
did not reach me until the 20th of November following.

The Evidence which you state to be necessary to the pro-
secution of the Suit of the United States vs William Laidlaw

I regret to say after due exertion, cannot be furnished,
in consequence of the local situation of those on whom
we had a right to rely for testimony in this case.

The two witnesses, Lafrenboire and Fairbault,
whose depositions you have, are now engaged in the
Indian Trade, and at Stations so remote that it is
impossible to see them until some indefinite day
in the month of May next.

even were it practicable to obtain the testimony of
those persons after the manner which you prescribe - no
legal notice of it could be given to the other party -
they not having a knowledge of the Defendants present
residence on the Missouri, and, being without the
jurisdiction of this Agency. - The depositions above
alluded to with such other testimony as I might be
enabled to give, is I am fearful, all that can ever
be furnished. For if this cause were to be continued
from year to year, it is doubtful whether we should
not in the end be as far to seek as ever, so uncertain
is the destination of such witnesses as those persons
engaged in the Indian Trade.

I have the honor to be
with very high respect Sir
Your Obedt Servt

To
Beverly Allen Esq.
District Attorney
at St. Louis
for Missouri

Law Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St. Louis

Indian Agency St. Peter
January 10th 1828.

Sir/

I have this day the honor to enclose for your consideration, my Estimates in detail for the 2^d, 3^d & 4th Quarters of the year 1828 shewing the several sums required in each and the purposes to which to be applied. —

I have the honor to be with the highest respect
for

To
Your Most Obedt Servt
Genl William Clark
Supt of the Affairs of the
As St. Louis
Missouri
Saml Talcott
Indian Agent
As St. Peter

Indian Agency St. Peter
January 15th 1828. —

Sir/

In reporting at this date the general concerns of this Agency in regard to the disposition of the several tribes and the state of our intercourse generally. It is with pleasure I inform you of the general tranquillity of this Country. —

The peace between the Sac Foxes & the Sioux has continued without demonstrations of hostility since the treaty of Prairie du Chien and with the exception of the unfortunate affair of the 28th of May last. The Sioux & Chippeways have remained perfectly quiet and are pursuing their hunts within gun shot of each other on the St. Louis - River and Saskatchewan Rivers. —

On the 10th Inst the Sissetons under their Chief was on a visit to this Agency. from whom

I received intelligence of Mr B. Peate jr having been killed some short time since on the Missouri by the Aricara-Indians. This is given merely as a rumour but the particulars you will find in the Postscript to this letter. —

I shall submit to you a plan for the more effectual disposition of the 2535 Chippeways recently detached from this Agency so as to give general satisfaction to those unfortunate people, and effectually prevent them from having the slightest pretext to continue to vex the Post. —

It is not intended to offer my views on this highly interesting and important ^{subject} in which the interests of the Government is so materially concerned for three or four months and until I can see my through all the impediments which might be considered as being in opposition to the plans. —

I have the honor to be with the highest respect
for

To
Your Most Obedt Servt
Genl William Clark
Supt of Indian Affairs at
St. Louis
Missouri
Saml Talcott
Indian Agent
As St. Peter

P.S Mr. Peate was returning from the Mountains when he reached the Aricara encampment or Village he had with him two fine horses. An Aricara proposed to him, or rather requested Mr P. to exchange horses with him. On being refused, the Indian fired at & killed the horse which he had wanted. — When Mr. P. in retaliation killed the Indians horse. — when one or two of the Indians immediately shot him on the spot. —

E. Starkebach
or
Sleepy Eyes

Sir

Indian Agency St Peter
January 17th 1828

Your Letter of date the 7th of November last just in answer to mine of the 30th of September preceding was received by Express on the 24th of December

I am happy that you have consented to attend to the suit, which will be for trial this more than probable at the next term of the Court to be held in May next at Prairie du Chien.

The acts of conspiracy to which you refer as being necessary are in my possession in an official Book, embracing all the Laws of Congress regulating Trade and intercourse with the several Indian Tribes

The Insapory witnesses shall attend which together with such other testimony as we may be enabled to procure at the Prairie will most inevitably give us the case, if not thwarted by an ignorant jury.

The trial of the Winabago Prisoners at the Prairie, will bring together some good men it is presumed.

I shall be at the above place a day or two before the session of the Court.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
St Peter

To
John Turvey
Counselor & Attorney at Law
Galena
Frost River Miss

To Davis County

Illinois

Sir

Indian Agency St Peter
February 10th 1828

I have the honor herewith to inclose a copy of an Officers Report made to this office of date the 8th Inst by Joseph Robette Esq. relative to Duncan Graham & Jean Brunck Citizens of Prairie du Chien. who are at this time engaged in procuring timber on the Chippeway River. Said to be for the use of our Settlements near Turkey River Omnis and those of Galena, Frost River.

So far as Graham is concerned (and it appears by the Statement inclosed) that he has some goods & two Aliens with him. I shall as soon as practicable send an Order for him to repair to this Port with his men. - Tho' in regard to Brunck - I beg leave to refer his case to you & to request your instructions as to the manner in which he shall be proceeded against. - I take this step in consequence of a similar infraction of the intercourse Law of 1802. in the Fall & Spring of 1823, by the late Harriet Perkins & Co., and the connivance of the Government in his case.

I shall send a talk to the lower band of the Sioux to advise no measures in regard to their people and particularly those of a hostile nature, until they shall have seen me, or have heard from you - and there exists no doubt on my mind but that they will remain quiet, unless instigated to acts of hostility by interested, and designing persons.

It was the wish of Brunck, and others now on the Chippeway River, to have entered into a convention with the Indians last year, for the purpose of procuring timber on this River - but our unsettled relations with them at that period, prevented its being carried into effect under your letter of instructions to me of date the 20th of March 1824.

I have the honor to be
Yours Obedt Servt
Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Yr Obedt Servt
Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent

Genl William Clark
Supt of the Affairs
at St Louis

Indian Agency St. Louis
10th February 1828

Sir/
Enclosed herewith you will receive a copy of an official Report made to this office on the 8th Inst by Mr. Joseph Rolette - you will readily perceive thereby the necessity of repairing to this Post - to admit or to exonerate yourself from the charge of being engaged in Trade on the Chippeway River without authority as the case may be. -

So far as it concerns the cutting of timber either by yourself, Mr. Brunt or his Agent -

That portion of the Report has this day been communicated to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis - for his decision thereon

Very Respectfully
Yr Obed Servt

To
Duncan Graham }
Chippeway River }

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis
H

Indian Agency St. Louis
February 13th 1828

Sir/

The enclosed letter you will on reaching the Chippeway River. deliver to Mr. Duncan Graham who is reported to be engaged in Trade at that River - you will take every possible means to inform yourself of this fact & report the circumstances to this office. - It is also desirable that you ascertain the number of persons engaged in procuring timber at the same place, and particularly at what distance below the Falls of the Chippeway. -

After your attention to the foregoing objects - I wish you to proceed down the Mississippi to the Sioux Camps near said River and communicate to the Chiefs & head men the full intent & meaning of my Talk. herewith enclosed. - Mr. Quinn will accompany you on the present expedition as it is unsafe, from the severity of the season, for you to proceed on an expedition of the kind, alone. -

Very Respectfully
Yr Obed Servt

To
Mr. Duncan Campbell }
Present. }

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis
H

Sir/

Indian Agency St. Peter
February 20th 1828.

I have the honor to enclose herewith an extract of a letter of date the 17th Inst. from Alexis Bailey of the Am: Fur Company. requesting an additional location within this Agency - to be established for the Wahpacootas on Canon River and within thirty miles of their Village -

Experience appears to have shown to the Company that in the first instance there were not more Posts than were absolutely necessary ^{under them} to conduct the Mail to advantage with the Sioux from their dispersed condition into numerous small Bands.

The ^{however} degree of opposition was the main cause of their reduction (founded on the basis of Mr. Stewart's exceptions to them last year) to the present number

Now however inconsistent it may appear a request you see is made to increase them again -

So well apprised am I of the necessity of the measure so necessary to the convenience of the Wahpacootas. that I beg leave respectfully to recommend ^{the measure favorable} to your consideration. ~~the propriety of authorizing Mr. Bailey the establishment of this additional Post.~~

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Sir

Your obed^t Serv^t

To
General William Clark
Supt of In Affairs
At St. Louis -
Missouri

Cad. Taliaferro
Indu Agent
At St. Peter

Sir/

Agency Nouan St. Peter
Feby 19th 1828.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 15th Inst. in which you request that a trading Post may be established for the Wahpacootas on the Canon River within thirty miles of their Village -

A copy of your communication has been forwarded to Genl William Clark Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis - with my request that the location may be made in accordance with ^{the} views of yourself and of the Indians -

To ensure a speedy answer from the Supt on the subject proposed, I with pleasure avail myself of the opportunity afforded of a conveyance ~~of~~ my letter by your train to the Prairie - which is now sent with this note to you - to be forwarded.

Very Respectfully
Yr obed^t Serv^t

Cad. Taliaferro
Indu Agent
At St. Peter

To
Mr. Alexis Bailey
New Hope Entry of St. Peter

Sir

Indian Agency St Peters
2^d March 1828

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you my account of Receipts and Disbursements at this Agency in the 2^d Quarter of the present year commencing on the 1st day of December 1827 and ending on the 1st day of March 1828. amounting to Eight hundred and four teen dollars. for which amount my duplicate Receipts have been forwarded. —

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
your Obedt Servt

To
Genl Williams Clark
Capt of Indian Affairs
at St Louis
Missouri

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

Sir

Indian Agency St Peters
March 15th 1828

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 16th of January last by which I am informed of the decision of the Department on certain communications of mine, and the Talk of a Chippeway Chief in behalf of his people residing on the Waters of the Upper Mississippi.

I now beg leave to assure the Dept. in reference thereto, that if the disaffection expressed had have been confined to but one Indian. No notice whatever would have been taken by me, of the address of the Chippeway Chief but his sentiments being known to be in unison with the Chiefs, head men, and Warriors of Red Lake - Red Cedar Lake, Leech Lake, Gull Lake, Sandy Lake, Miller Lake, and the St. Croix River. I thought that I should be performing an imperative duty to the Nation, not to report to the Dept. the views, and wishes of the most war like, and respectable ^{portion} of all the Chippeways, and I do assure you Sir, that in all that has been communicated to those unfortunate people in addition to my correspondence touching their concerns. I have had as steady eye to the vital interest of this country, and particularly to the final accomplishment of the humane policy of the Government contemplated by the Treaty of Prairie du Chien.

As to my zeal and the determined course pursued at this Agency under the Orders of the Dept. of date the 27th of March 1827. Can it be believed, be fully attested by the Civil and Military at this Post, for I have even gone so far as to refuse to hold talks of any kind with the Chippeways, or to give them the smallest article from the public Store, in fact every expedient has been resorted to but that of closing the Doors of the Agency House against them. —

I can safely say that during my service of 16 years in the Army & the Department of Indian Affairs. I have never neglected to comply with every order enjoined upon me by any branch of the Government if within my power so to do. —

Over

Sir

Indian Agency S Peters
December 3^d 1828

I have the honor here with to enclose to you my account of receipts and disbursements at this Agency in the 1st yr of the year 1828. Commencing on the 1st day of September and ending on the 1st day of December - amounting to one thousand two hundred - sixty six dollars and four cents -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect his
your Obedt Servt

Genl Will Clark
Supt. of In Affairs
At S Louis

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At S Peters

Indian Agency S Peters
Nov 20th 1828

Sir

According to usage, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter of date the 5th of June last past which did not come to hand until my return to this Agency from Furlough on the 18th Inst. - I do assure you Sir that the several acts of Congress to which you therein call my attention so far as I am concerned have been, and shall continue to be as strictly conform'd to as the nature of the complicated duties of my Station will admit - When Officers of Government aim at the public weal, and particularly those of the Indian Dept they must meet from any Quarter, difficulty in the regular & prompt settlement of their accounts - I am aware of the trouble given you by some of my Dept. Relations to their expenses - but as a faithful servant, the Public will admire your zeal. -

I have the honor to be with very high respect Sir
your Obedt Servt

R Coates Esq
2^d Compt. Treasury
Washington City

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent

Sir

Indian Agency S Peters
January 2^d 1829

I regret that it has become my duty to inform you of the commencement of an open rupture between the Fox Indians and the Indians of this Agency -

On or about the 15th of November last past, Morgan the Fox war Chief of Delaneyus Mems at the head of Seventy Mounted men entered the Plains, and near the Des Moines River say within half a days march of the same, fell in with the families of the two Wekijacosta - Chiefs - killed the wife of one of them and cut off her head - The Wife daughter of the other Chief together with her children are supposed to have been made prisoners and taken to the Fox Camp or to the Mississippi - I should have written to Mr. Forsyth the Agent for the Foxes on this Subject, but for my knowledge of his absence from this Agency. -

As I start an Express this day for Peau de Cheu with my public accounts, I shall request the Agent at that place (Genl. Stuart) to give me his aid in having the Sioux prisoners restored without loss of time to their families. - I am unable to effect anything in regard to the Sheep and Cattle the property of Mr. Gibson now as Lac qui parle is charge of Mr. Reuvilles, at this time. - nor do I believe that many will be found in the Spring, and the season was too far advanced when I reached this Post last fall to use efficent exertions in the case. - The Chippeways still persist in visiting this Agency, some of them are now here trading their Peltries. -

The Sub Agent informs me that there were more of these people here during my absence last Summer than have been known to visit us for the last three years. - and it is believed by the Civil and Military at this Post that nothing short of the Bayonets will enforce the order for their removal to Mr. Schoolcrafts Agency. -

The Indians of this Agency are generally engaged at this date with their Hunts many of them in company with the Chippeways. -

Genl Will Clark
Capt of the Affairs
At St Louis

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
your o^{ob} Serv^t

Louis Tulaferro
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Sir/

Indian Agency St Peter
January 2^o 1829-

The Fox War Chief Morgan, has violated the
Solemn Treaty made at Prairie du Chiens with the Sioux
of this Agency in August 1825. On the 14 or 15th of Nov last
with Seventy men under his Command he entered
the Sioux territory, and killed the wife of the 2^o Wah-
pacoota Chief cut off her head and ~~made~~ took
prisoners, the step daughter & children of Tashaugu
the Chief of the Band - I should have written to Mr.
Forsyth the Agent of the Sales & Fines on this important
event - were I not aware of its being so much time
and paper thrown away. -

I have requested Mr. Bailey a trader at this Post
to see you on his reaching ~~Prairie du Chiens~~ ^{the} Prairie when
he is expected to be in a few days - and if it be in
your power to serve the Wahpacoota Chief - by
procuring the release of the Sioux prisoners a great
favour will be conferred on him, and the cause of
humanity materially served. -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
your o^{ob} Serv^t

To
Genl Jos M. Street
Indian Agent at
Prairie du Chiens

Louis Tulaferro
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Indian Agency St Peter
January 3^o 1829-

Sir/

I have been authorized by Genl Clark to make the
best disposition possible with Mr. Gibson's Cattle which he and
his party abandoned last Summer in the neighbour hood
of your Post - As I reached this Agency too late this last
fall to be of Service in the matter - I must request
you to act for me - and after satisfying the demands
on your own account for the expense & trouble you
have been at in Culling Hay & furnishing a man to
herd them - you will be pleased to obtain the
best price possible for the residue - Fifteen dollars
a head perhaps may be had - and should
a purchase of the kind be an object you
might be disposed to take them all yourself -
~~as they~~

I should like to hear from you when
an opportunity may offer as I feel disposed
to do what I can for the unfortunate man
who has in this adventure lost his all. -

Very Respectfully
Yr. o^{ob} Serv^t

To
Joseph Rensselaer Esq
Lae gen parle

Louis Tulaferro
Indian Agent

at St Peter

P.S.

Morgan the Fox Chief has killed the
wife of Wahpacoota & taken prisoners
the step daughter & child of Tashaugu. The
Wahpacoota chiefs on the Des Moines -

I have made arrangements to have the
prisoners given up - Mr. Bailey will perhaps
receive them at Prairie du Chiens. -

Sir/

Indian Agency S^t Peters
January 23^o 1828-

Since my letter to you of the 2^o Inst. communicating the intelligence that the Fox Indians had again commenced the war with the Washpawoota band of the Sioux - Two Sioux women a few days after this affair - were cropped in the plains by three Sac Indians, and made prisoners by them. Again recently and within the present month the third attack was made by these people on the Sioux of this neighbourhood & some of them killed. -

I must inform you however that the Mahars & South Yanktons after the 2^o movement of the Confederated Sacs & Foxes - formed a small war party, and obtained the scalp of a Sac Chief with his wife and daughter prisoners.

The Chief is reported to have had with him two Medals & Flags. Americans. -

I have as yet heard of no particular rupture between the Chippeways & Sioux since my return to this Agency - The former still continue to visit this Post - and as far as their people are concerned I must come to the point and ask - "Shall force be used to compel them to discontinue their visits - or am I to be saddled with the responsibility attending on their refusing utterly to abandon this Post & confine themselves to the Agency of Mr. Schoolcraft. - I have experienced much pain upon this subject - particularly as the orders of the Department are positive. - I have thirteen thousand

Indians to manage & certainly any man in his common sense would not wish ^{a farther} ~~any~~ addition to such a charge. I do not want the Chippeways, they want me - for I do again beg leave to assure you Sir - that I have had more serious trouble in the management of these people than ^{with} all the Sioux Bands taken together. -

I have thought proper to request the Officers of the Post & the Citizens of this Post to express their disinterested sentiments in regard to the Chippeways

Genl. William Clark
Super. in Affairs
at S^t Louis

I have the honor to be
Genl. of Mr. Oth. Serot
Lawful Agent
Indian Agent

Sir/

Indian Agency S^t Peters
23^o Janury 1829 -

On the 14th of November last, at the request of the Red wing, Chief of the Lake Band of Medawakantony Sioux - I sanctioned your agreement made with him to raft and bring out pine timber from the Chippeway River which you stated to me was intended for sale to the Miners at Coffville - Galena and for the public works at Fort Crawford should it be wanted. -

I find from recent information that you will meet difficulty, not only from the disaffected Citizens of Prairie du Chemin, but it is more than probable that one of them well known for such practices - will induce the Indians of Washeshan Band to commit acts of hostility on your party. notwithstanding the kind and friendly intentions of the old Chief of the Lake Sioux - The timber which you might have gotten would have been of considerable benefit to the Government - as it would have been exclusively used on the public lands - under this firm conviction I did sanction the request of the Red wing - but from the nature of Prairie customs on this subject - and considerations of policy under them - I have to request that the sanction of the Chief be no longer considered & that the expectation into the Chippeway River be abandoned. -

I have the honor to be
Yr. obedt Servt

Duncan Graham Esq
S^t Peters -

Lawful Agent
Indian Agency
S^t Peters

L. S. J.

Indian Agency St. Peter
February 8th 1829.

Mr. Marsh reached this Post on the 5th having promptly and satisfactorily accomplished the interesting errand upon which he was sent by you to the Wahpachaw of this Agency. His trip of Humility has been an arduous one and performed in the severest & most inclement part of the winter - and independently of his & our own feelings on the result of his late important mission I think him entitled to extra compensation - independently of his actual expenses caused by returning the Sioux prisoners to their friends. -

Mr. Marsh has collected much information as to the face of the Country and its geographical position water courses &c which will be useful to the Suprt. as an important section of Country between the Confederates Saes & Foxes and the Sioux - and as I have for the third time recommended the marking of the line definitely between these tribes - should the Government consent thereto - I shall recommend Mr. Marsh for that special duty. -

I have in accordance with your wishes satisfied one of the Sub Agents guides who came with him from the Forks of Red Cedar to this place - an In by the name of Okaspe. -

Duncan Graham will not go into the Chippeway River this winter - he would have gone as has been customary with the Citizens of Prairie du Chien every year to obtain timber for public purposes from the Indian lands - as he had the good wishes & sanction of the Sioux to whom the Lands on the North Side of the Chippeway of Right belongs - but for the difficulty which might have happened with a part of the lower Band of Sioux - with whom I have had nothing to do for three years past - having officially notified the Government at the time of my views & reasons therefor - In the discharge of our respective duties as Agents for Indian Affairs I have the fullest evidence of your desire

to cooperate with me, and be assured that no Light of this destruction will be lost by me - but a cheerful - re-approbation of all acts compatible with the interest of the Department - Mr. Forsyth by this period must feel unpleasantly as my Letters to St. Louis stated his absence and the necessity I was under to call on you for your friendly Offices in an important matter - to which his presence & attention was essentially necessary. My firm belief is that he ^{has} not during fifteen years ever remained one winter at his Post.

The Wahpachaw & Yancton are in a starving condition - being compelled to boil up their old loaves and the Buffalo Bones of last year for substance.

A few days since from reaching of policy I left the Sioux to consult among themselves as to what course they would pursue in the Spring but since your trouble in restoring the Captive Sioux to their friends - my influence can now be the more effectively and pleasantly forced upon their minds, and I shall prevent a bloody war with the Saes and Foxes -

Mr. Marsh will give you the news and can tell you in truth my standing with the Saes and what I can do with them - The Chippeway and Sioux are hunting together this winter on friendly terms. -

I remain with high respect
Yr Obedt Servt
L. S. J.

Genl J. M. Street
M. S. M. A. P.
Prairie du Chien

Sir

Indian Agency S^t Louis
February 9th 1829-

Since my last com^o to you of date the 2^d of January just giving intelligence that the Fox Indians had again commenced war with the Wahpacosta Sioux the Sacs have made four or five other prisoners. I must inform you however that the South Yanktons after the second movement of the Confederated Sacs & Foxes - formed a small war party, and obtained the scalp of a Sac. Supposed to be a chief. found his having with him two medals & flags of the United States, and his wife and child prisoners. - As soon as I became authentically informed of Morgan's outrage and of his having made some prisoners from the Wahpacostas. I addressed a letter to Genl Stuart the Agent at Peau du Cheu by Express on the 2^d of January, to obtain if possible a release of the Sioux prisoners, that they should be sent for from this Post without loss of time - but I am happy to inform you that in this important matter my views were anticipated - a few days previous to the receipt of my letter at the Peace - the Agent there had promptly on hearing of Morgan's conduct - sent Mr. Marsh the Sub Agent to the Fox Camp who demanded and received the Sioux Captives and conveyed them to their friends on the Cannon River - The Sub Agent passing in his route the Forks of Red Cedar - Cannon R. Terra Blue, thence down the S^t Peter to this Post - when he arrived and reported on the evening of the 5th Inst. and will depart this day on his return to the point of beginning -

I have as yet heard of no particular rupture between the Sioux, and Chippewas since the Spring of 1828. The latter residing on the waters of the Mississippi still continue to visit this Post - as every means possible but that of actual force has been resorted to by me to carry the Orders of the Dept into full operation I hope I shall not be held responsible for their utterly refusing to abandon this Post - and confirm

themselves wholly to the Agency of Mr. Schoolcraft I have experienced much pain on this subject as the Orders of the Dept appear to be positive - I have thirteen thousand Indians under my care, and certainly no man in his proper senses could wish to the smallest addition to such a charge - I do not want the Chippewas - but they appear to be determined to visit Fort Snelling as a Trading Post at least, whether received by me or not -

I expect to see in a few days several chiefs of the Sioux in Council relation to the course which may be pursued on the commencement of Spring - that is - whether a Campaign is to be opened against the Sacs & Foxes or measures of a more pacific nature - I left the Sioux a few days since from motives of policy to act for themselves - but since the Wahpacostas have obtained the release of their friends from the Foxes I shall prevent if possible the Sioux from retaliating on them -

I would again respectfully recommend that the line from the Miss. to the 2^d Forks of the Desmoines as contemplated by the Treaty of Peau du Cheu be surveyed, and marked and that said line be continued down to a point on the Mississippi not higher up than the Council Bluffs, as such an one would not interfere with the just claims of Otoes & Mahars - if indeed any they have, which may admit of some doubt as the South Yanktons claim a large district of Country on which they have been permitted who reluctantly to hunt -

Many of the Indians of this Agency are in a starving condition - some of the Wahpacostas & North Yanktons being reduced to the necessity of boiling up their old Lodges, and the Buffalo bones of last year for Subsistence

The Trade is conducted by but one

Company in the country, and also our
Supplies to be furnished on a large Capital
The Indians were neither the last nor the
winter furnished with Supplies by one half
the amount which their necessities require

By a late reputation of the War Dept
traders from this Post as well as from the
West, cannot from their being compelled
to obtain their Licenses from the Agents
of Governor Capis Supervisidany - Insp
into the Indian Country about this with
their out fits

I have been requested to
state this fact to you by several traders
who pray that their situation may be
considered, and that either the Agent at
this Post, or his Supervisidany may be
authorised to grant Licenses for trade
contiguous to Fort Snelling and in the upper
Mississippi Country.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servant

Louis Taliaferro

Indian Agent
At St. Peter

Genl William Clark }
Supdt of the Affairs }
At St Louis

Dear Sir/

Indian Agency St Peter 145-
February 19th 1829.

An opportunity presents by which I can
drop you a line - It is contemplated by what Mr
Bailey has said to me - to apply to the Government
for permission to erect a Saw Mill on Chippewa
River - & as this subject of getting timber on this River
has been a fruitful cause of complaint with some
of the self interested Citizens of Pease au Chien
and much trouble given by one of these that
I have come to the determination to oppose every
attempt to violate the Law in this respect on Indian
lands - Late bids has been allowed to Citizens and
others during the present administration - which
it is hoped, and believed will not be continued
during the next - I have sent a flag & medal
by some Yankton Indians to the Chief of the Des Moines
Yanktons to inform if possible the Sac woman was
a prisoner with them & also a message to refrain
from acts of hostility until they may hear from me
again. but it is almost worse than useless to attempt
to prevent the war with the Foxes - as I believe their
Warlike band will listen to no accommodation -
Notwithstanding their people were the first to break
the Pease au Chien Treaty by attacking the Chippewas
and killing one of them on the Chippewa River.

This Band of Indians were by an official Comnd
from this office ^{to the Govt} surrendered some three years ago
wholly to the Supervisidany & direction of J. R. Little
of Pease au Chien whose character is very well
known at the War Dept & ^{with} whom it is at all
times necessary be extremely guarded - he will
not fight - but he will lie - either for the purposes
of revenge or the advancement of his own interests

Genl J. M. Stuart

I remain Dear Sir
Yrs Servant

Louis Taliaferro

At St

Sir

Indian Agency St. Peter
February 28th 1829-

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you an extract of a letter addressed on the 19th Inst to the Agent at Prairie du Chien. Relative to the wish of persons there to erect a Saw Mill on the waters of the Chippewagon River & within the limits of this Agency - I have your instructions of the 3rd of May 1828. before me which shall be rigidly enforced should an attempt be made to effect the object ~~contemplated~~ contemplated -

I have thought proper to enclose a copy also of the proceedings of the trial on the late murder at Prairie du Chien. last year by an attention personal of which you will perceive that whiskey alone was cause of the murder of Gargnier and Lepeap.

The Location at the Forks of Red Cedar near the line between the Foxes & the Sioux. cannot be considered a matter for further or supposed telegraph between those tribes, as you may be assured the Post is at least six miles within the territory of the latter. -

I hope it will be in my power in a short time to give you a satisfactory account of my proceedings relative to the papers of Gibson placed in my hands for attention - as it appears the remainder of his cattle may be disposed of to Mr. Remick under whose care they have been since deserted & left by Mr. Gibson and his men. - Sixty six head yet remain for which I may receive \$560 perhaps a few dollars more. -

It being understood that I am held responsible for the conduct and well management of this Agency affairs of this Agency in every respect -

It would be gratifying if an arrangement were to be made which would confine the granting of Licenses to trade for the Sioux to the Agent at this Post. I would not have suggested the propriety

of such an arrangement if the traders thereby were to experience the slightest inconvenience from it - and even should question arise as to bearing & leniency of the measure it might be the more fully advocated by authority Bonds ~~to~~ and discipline lists of foreigners to be taken in the name of the proper Agent and forwarded to him - a reciprocation of measures of the kind would doubtless be of utility within your Superintendency and a fair understanding & cooperation among the Agents thereof -

The Indians as has been recently stated to you have suffered beyond all credibly during the past winter, at least 30 Lodges have perished from the scarcity of game at the unfortunate positions taken up by them for the season -

With the scanty means in my possession at all times, any exertions for the amelioration of their deplorable condition had to be measured accordingly. consequently have been compelled to be the witness of scenes the most unpleasant. -

The allowance of Feby dollars per annum by the War Dept to any Surgeon of the Army who may attend the Indians of this Agency - has been proffered and refused - this was as I had expected as the sum of one and two hundred dollars had in every instance been allowed at other frontier Posts - not one half as important as this - The Surgeon has however very kindly offered his Medical Services in case of need gratis and has authorized me call on him for his ~~services~~ ^{aid} at any time. -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servt

Genl William Clark
Supr of the Affairs
at St Louis

Law Taliaferro
Indan Agent
at St Peter

Indian Agency St Peter
2^o March 1829-

Sir/

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you my Duplicate Receipts, and accounts for the 2^o Qu^{rs} of the year 1829 ending on the 1st Inst - for the Sum of Eight hundred and fifteen dollars - Sixty Seven Cents - which are respectfully Submitted -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect

Your obed^t Serv^t

Law Taliaferro

Indian Agent

At St Peter

Genl William Clark
Sup^t of Indn Affairs
At St Louis

Indian Agency St Peter
March 2^o - 1829-

Sir/

I have this day drawn two drafts on you payable at sight - one in favour of S H Kennedy & Co for the Sum of Four hundred dollars, and one other in favor of Capt J Co Culbertson for Four hundred fifteen dollars - Sixty Seven Cents - which several Sams embrace the amount of my A/c and - Duplicate Receipts forwarded this day for the 2^o Qu^{rs} of 1829 for the Sum of \$815.67 - I some time since forwarded my Estimates for the 2^o & 3^o Qu^{rs} of the present year on account of Presents to Indians - which he pleased to authorize Capt Kennedy to fill and forward by the first conveyance in the Spring -

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir

Your obed^t Serv^t

Law Taliaferro

Indian Agent

At St Peter

Genl William Clark
Sup^t of Indn Affairs
At St Louis

Indian Agency St Peter
March 12 1829-

My Dear Sir/

Your letter of the 27th of last month February did not come to hand until the 9th Inst which was not with the Mail received at this Post a day or two previous.

Your friendly hints and Suggestions therein containe be as usual an duty appreciated by me - but in the several fears expressed as to the probable result of the course which I have marked out both for my private and official conduct in this Country may doubtless to you have been misrepresented - So far from throwing obstacles in the way of persons engaged in trade ^{with} this Agency it can be fully made to appear by the unanimous confirmation of every respectable individual at this Post - that the most friendly & liberal course has been pursued - notwithstanding the unexampled opposition among the Traders of the Am Fur Coy themselves -

To say that I should not like to see many traders among my Indians to supply their wants would be altogether contrary to my real sentiments - but as to my having made it my business to invite opposition to the present traders - which may reasonably be inferred from a paragraph of your letter - cannot be made to appear - I have often said that "If it were practicable I should like to see my Indians have a large number of traders, as it was their particular wish & the more the better as their wants would then be supplied."

The affair of the Whiskey has been settled between Mr. Bailey, and myself, and has not been talked of or thought of since, perhaps by neither of us. This matter is as supposed to have been done with - I do not know Mr Rickett in the transaction - It was for Mr B - to satisfy me - I have expressed myself so to him and the matter at rest forever -

In promoting Mr. Graham to accept of the old Red wings offer to permit him to take timber from the Cheppency River I did not know at

Sir/

Indian Agency S. Peter
March 29th 1829-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 7th Inst which reached me on the 16th of present month. I should have replied to it sooner had an opportunity offered by which my letter could have been forwarded to you. I observe when you say in regard to the occupancy of the Saw Mill at this Post declaration to which there must have been some Misunderstanding. ~~Some~~ Col Taylor informed Mr Marsh that whoever might get the contract for supplying materials for the erection of a new work at Peam an cheum - might (to facilitate the work) have the use of the public Saw mill at the Falls of S. Anthony.

It is to be regretted that you & your party should have left Peam an cheum - without first obtaining a passport for any purpose you might have had in view, and the more particularly as you had to pass through a considerable extent of Indian Territory before reaching this Post -

The Government will not be disposed to be rigid with you, particularly when it is considered that you have done nothing more than what others have done continually for a number of years past - Depredations on Indian property however for the last two or three years, has made it necessary on the part of Government Officers to be extremely vigilant, in fact their instructions leave them no room to choose any other course than the one uniformly pointed out in the Law. -

Jean Beaubien Esq
Peam an cheum

Remain your Obedt Serv
Laud Talarferro
Indian Agent
At S. Peter

Sir/

Indian Agency S. Peter
April 7th 1829-

Should the portion of our Indian Affairs within the limits of this Agency in the course of the present year be one which would admit of a temporary absence from it - I should be much gratified on receiving a furlough for the sole purpose of conducting my Family to Pennsylvania - after which I should again return to duty.

I beg leave to remark that should this application be approved of by you and sanctioned - it is my intention not to leave this Post until after the expiration of the present year - when my official would be closed, and the Sub Agent placed by your sanction in charge of the Agency.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Yr Obedt Serv

Genl William Clark
Agent of the Affairs
At S. Louis

Laud Talarferro
Indian Agent
at S. Peter

Dear Sir/

Indian Agency St Peter
April 7th 1839

Bazil Longtain one of the hands of Mr. Lafrombois was killed in the forepart of March just by two of the Suptongs of the Band under Eestahkenbush or the Sleepy Eyes - This Chief with Mr L. have gone towards the Missouri to apprehend the offenders - from all that I can learn as yet, but little blame is to be attached to the Indians however nothing official has reached me from Mr Lafrombois - which indeed appears rather strange

I at once sent a Messenger to the Chief to investigate the matter and let me know the result as it might be necessary for me to demand them of his people who murder Longtain - in which event he must be prepared to deliver them up to the Law -

It is reported among the Indians here that Washbas & the Little Crow Chiefs have been invited to travel in company with a Citizen of P du Chene to the City of Washington this Summer - or perhaps to Macinae thence into Canada - I mustly name this to you in confidence - perhaps there may be nothing of it - but should such a thing be on foot it may perhaps in time come to your ears -

I have seen the Wahpacotas & for the present settled the Sac & Fox difficulty at least until information is received from the Supt - at St Louis - The Sioux & Cheppewas remain tranquil and fear that several bands of the latter tribe may & will visit this Post again this Summer -

I remain ^{Dr Sir} very respectfully
Yr obed Servt

Genl Jos M. Street
M S in App
P du Chene

Genl Talappon
Indian Agency
St Peter

Sir/

April 6th 1839

Early in March Mr. Lafrombois left his trading Post on a visit to Prou du Chene for a further supply of goods - during the absence of this trader two Suptong Sioux called at his house when he had unfortunately but one man in charge of it (Bazil Longtain) and requested that they might be permitted to take away two small pack of Rats which had been deposited in the house - as their trader was too long absent & they were suffering with their families in consequence Longtain ^{to comply with their request} refused - the result was a ~~fight~~ ^{conflict} in which the Canadian was of course killed -

It is rather remarkable that no official or verbal report has ever reached this office from Mr Lafrombois - I however immediately on receiving the intelligence sent a Messenger to the Chief of the Band - to look into the matter as speedily as possible as it would be in all probability my turn to cause him to deliver up the offenders to me - This Chief has gone towards the Missouri & from my knowledge of his character there will be no difficulty in his rendering any of his people up to justice -

I have seen the Wahpacotas & the Chief whose wife the Morgan party killed & cut up last fall - Nothing now remains to be done but on such instructions as you may deem proper to give - The Indians are looking forward with some consequential as to the course the Government will be likely to pursue in this matter - It must be confessed that my situation is rather an unpleasant one touching them recent wars - I am not the Sac & Fox Agent if I were it would be more than likely that Morgan would not again have it in his power to disturb the tranquility of this Country - The Sioux & Cheppewas have since my return to this Agency last Nov remained perfectly tranquil

I do not as yet know what further views may have been taken of the determined purpose of this later tribe to continue (in opposition to every measure of policy) to visit this Post -

The suit instituted at Prairie du Chien against me in 1826 has been finally withdrawn at the cost of the plaintiff. My necessary expenses for attending to the same will be charged in my next quarterly account. -

I have now buildings finished at this Post for the Indian Dept which have as yet cost the government but \$75 and are estimated to be worth more than \$3000 - a particular return embracing all the public property in my possession will in shortly mail out and forwarded -

Should any further evidence be deemed necessary as to the several items charged in the Special Account some time since forwarded for your consideration - be pleased to signify it and it shall be furnished - your old friend the Red Wing Chief died below Lake Pepin on the 2nd of March - he was entered at his village on the 3rd Inst. -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect Sir
Your Obedt Servt -

Capt William Clark
Supt. In Affairs
at St Louis

Leut. Talafeno
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Indian Agency St Peter
23rd April 1829 -

Sir

Since I had the honor to address you on the 5th Inst relative to the difficulties among the Indians, information has just reached me that a severe and bloody conflict occurred early in this month, on the Desmoines - between the Sac, and the Mahari, and South Yanktons - the first named tribe having commenced the attack - no further particulars as yet. -

The Indian who murdered Bazil Longfellow has not as yet been apprehended - but I expect a report from those who were sent in quest of him in eight or ten days. -

I hope that you have had a pleasant trip and that you have given us a new code of regulations for our conduct in the Indian Dept. -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect Sir
Yr. Obedt Servt

Leut. Talafeno
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Capt William Clark
Supt. of the Affairs
at St Louis

Sir/

Indian Agency S Peters
May 15th 1829.

I had the honor yesterday to receive by the Steam Boat Josephine - your two favors of date the 5th and 28th of last month the official also through you copies of a Circular and one other letter from the Dept of War of date the 24th of November 1828 & 17th Feby of the present year - with their enclosures.

I have also received a supply of Goods for the 4th Qr. of the present year as presents to Indians - The Bill of Lading has this day been receipted for the amount of Freight which will the more fully appear when presented for Settlement at the Office -

I regret that the sudden departure of the Steam Boat precludes me the pleasure of acknowledging, and answering fully the important contents of the several communications from you & from the Dept of War at this time but my immediate attention to them may be relied on - and as far as I am concerned the views & policy of the Dept. be promptly carried into operation.

I have the honor to be with the highest respect Sir

Yr. Obedt Servt

Louis Toliafeno

Indian Agent
at S Peters

Genl. William Clark
Supt. of the Affairs
at St Louis

Indian Agency S Peters
May the 15th 1829

Sir/

I may be assured

The duties of the office of Agent for Indian in this remote and interesting section of our Territory have been necessarily arduous, and unpleasent as well as perplexing - not only from the circumstances materials of which this country is made up - but the more particularly as to the diversity of opinion on matters relating to the management of Indians of various nations, and tongues hostile to each other from the earliest stages of their history - a letter from the Dept of War of date the 17th of Nov 1821 - placed the Indians of this central position tacitly under my control - but since the Treaty of Prairie du Chien - arrangements were made at the instance of the Eastern Superintendency, without consulting the Western - which in my humble opinion to carry certain measures relating to the removal of the Chippeway Indians contiguous to this Agency from it - which must have been known at the time - could not with safety to the people of this Country be carried ^{or their property} into effect - To keep the several tribes of the Sioux and Chippeways apart is impossible from the fact of their dwelling here being more than five hundred miles in extent - & much unrepay expense has occurred Five thousand dollars were estimated for a Agency to establish a half breed ~~staff~~ Sub Agency at La Pointe Lake Superior of no earthly use, and like some others a complete sinacus -

It was my intention not again to trouble the Dept upon the awkwardness of the situation in which I am placed - but for the firm belief that the day has at length arrived, and the period in which personal feeling & private emolument at the expense of the Government - will be

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effectually put down - I will now state
that the Dept may know the course which was
pursued by certain persons to cause a dismember-
ment of this Agency after the Treaty of Pean du Chens.

No plausible pretext being found to gratify
certain favorites from August 1825 until the Spring
of 1826 It was determined to cause charges to
be preferred against me for mal conduct in the
discharge of my duties - which were according
made up through the Agency of Old Indian
Agent, and the two Commissioners who held
the Council at Fond du Lac in July 1826 -
much of this testimony being taken in open
Council before the Commissioners & in presence
of the Chippeway Indians of that vicinity -
& a considerable number of Indian Traders.

These charges were ^{accordingly} embodied & forwarded at
the same moment with the order for the Surrender
of the Chippeways wholly to the Agency of Mr L &
in which I should have no concern - ^{in my march 1827}
upon a fair view of all the proceedings both
for & against me - embracing all the material
Correspondence touching the whole Subject
from the Treaty of Pean du Chens to the
present time - I cannot but hope now for
the favorable consideration of the Dept. -
All of which I have the honor herewith to enclose
together with other papers containing the Sentiments
of several Indian Chiefs of the Chippeways -
from time to time communicated at this Agency.

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Yr. Obedt Servt
Laur Talbot
Indian Agent

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Indian Agency St Peter
May 24 1829 -

Sir/

I have now the honor to be enabled to report such
information in compliance with the Letter from the
Dept of War of date the 17th of February last ~~has~~ ^{was} then
received on the 14th Inst from your office - as was at that
period in my possession as well as from ^{the} that delay
that which has been ^{repeatedly} ~~repeatedly~~ ^{repeatedly} ~~obtained~~ I have the
more recently been enabled to obtain -

So far as this Agency is concerned every means
that have been resorted to, to keep men of idle
habits dissolute morals either wholly out of the Country
or regularly bonded & placed in the trade under
strict observers of their conduct & actions towards the
Government, and the Indians. - I have had much
cause of complaint against some of the Native
American traders who now monopolize the Trade
within the Chippeway Country & ^{partially} within
the limits of this Agency. Many of these persons have
frequently conspired with Indians & interfered with
our course of policy by various underhand means
Such as exciting the Indians of different tribes
to acts of hostility one against the other - speaking
often in contemptuous terms of the Agent of the
Government - I have had my full share of
abuse from the traders of the North - Men
whom I never saw & if I ever did, perhaps
not more than once - I now beg leave to be inform-
ed by the Dept whether these people together with
the best men in their employ may be brought
under the views of the Executive - If answer in the
affirmative, it will then be in my power to benefit
the public Service with energy & effect.

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Yr Obedt

Sir/

Indian Agency St Peter
May 25th 1829

It was my intention not again to trouble the Department upon the Subject of the Chippewas on the waters of the Mississippi above Lake Pepin in consequence of the decision of the Dept on certain communications of mine touching the concerns of those unfortunate People - but for the firm belief that the period has at length arrived in which personal feeling & private ^{public interest} involvement at the expense of the Government will be effectually discontinued & put down abuses corrected, & a wise reform introduced. -

I have now to report that the Chippewas have commenced killing the public Cattle & this act of hostility is as in every instance of the kind the forerunner of more daring outrages - These people have been taken from under my control after an unintermitted intercourse for more than seven years with this Agency during all which time we never had the slightest cause for complaint against any one of the Bands. -

I have the honor herewith to enclose an abstract of the general treaties of friendship held between the various tribes of the Sioux and the Chippewas for their special benefit of the most important description dropping from this list nearly fifty others of minor consideration tho' of not much less value or trouble -

It is not unimportant that the Dept should know that the order for the Surrender of the Chippewas wholly to the Agency of Mr Schoolcraft took ^{place} in the Spring of 1827. after the Treaty of Prairie du Chien in August 1825 at the earnest solicitation of Eastern Superintendency without in any manner consulting the Western, and under

Sir/

Indian Agency St Peter
May 25th 1829

It was my decided intention not again to trouble the Department upon the Subject of the Chippewas residing on the waters of the upper Mississippi above Lake Pepin - but for the firm belief ^{that} the period has at length arrived, in which ~~in which~~ personal feeling, and private involvement at the expense of the public interest will be effectually put down - abuses corrected and a wise reform introduced. -

I have now to report that the Chippewas have commenced killing the public Cattle, and this act of hostility is, as in every instance of the kind - the forerunner of more daring outrages - These people were taken from under my control and directed to be surrendered wholly to the Agency of Mr Schoolcraft at the earnest solicitation of the Eastern Superintendency without in any manner consulting the Western - and the result of this, and other negotiations have completely paralyzed our influence over this Country and left us to the mercy of the most war like & respectable portion of all the Chippewas - The geographical position of the Sioux & Chippewas (two powerful tribes) precludes all hope of keeping them separate or of maintaining anything like a quiet peace throughout a boundary of more than five hundred miles in extent - I have the honor herewith to enclose an abstract of the general treaties of Peace & Friendship

of which one superior at an actual expense to the Government of Five thousand dollars is I beg leave to remark here as it stands to be altogether a sinecure, therefore useless - The good of the Service & the respectability of the particular Dept has been my entire aim since leaving the Army in 1819 for this Station - If my views had been otherwise I should not have caused my Brother to vacate the Station of Sub-Agent at this Post in 1824 and I should now instead

held at this Agency - between the various tribes of the Sioux
and Chippewas - for their special benefit of the most im-
portant character, dropping from this list nearly fifty
other cases of minor consideration, tho' of not much less
interest or trouble -

I have endeavored to discharge my official duty honestly &
faithfully to the Government & to my important charge - but
there appeared a strong disposition to remove me from my
present Station (which I began to become sensible as early as
August 1825 at the General Treaty at Pean du Cheur &
this disposition became more manifest in 1826 at the Coun-
cil held at Fond du Lac - by the Commissions receiving at
the instance of the attending Agents - certain testimony
against me in open Council - which ultimately produced
my letter of defence of May 29th 1827 -

I now beg leave to refer to my letters to you of date
the 31st of May - & 27th of June 1827, and 15th of March 1828.
which are more full & explicit and candidly expressed
as to my views of the policy which ought to govern our
intercourse within this interesting & all important
Section of the Indian Country at least for a time -

The habits of the Sub Agency at LaPointe Lake Superior
are such - that the Indians will not visit here - this
branch of the Agency at the South was established in 1826
& has actually cost the United States more than Five Tho-
usand dollars. This sum was estimated for by Gov Cass
merely to establish the Sub Agency - & one as it stands of no use

the good of the Service & the respectability of the par-
ticular department has been my entire aim. Since
leaving the Army in 1819 - for this Station - If my views
had been otherwise I should not have caused my Brother
to vacate the Sub Agency at this in 1824 - merely for intemper-
ance - nor should I now be dependant on the Government
for a support - I have taken the liberty to name these
facts altho' they are known to many, to enable the
Dept to form a just estimate as to my views in
the present communication -

It is with reluctance that I have touched on the subject
of abuses in the North - but it is never the less a public duty
for such a System of Corruption & wilful neglect
of duty - wanton misapplication of the public funds
might be reported which would I feel crimi-
nent excite the suspicion & astonish the Dept as well
as its just indignation -

In forwarding the enclosed copies of Remarks made
by the influential chiefs & head men of the Chippewas
since 1827. my only object is to give an idea of their
feelings, and of our present intercourse within their
Country -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect - Sir
Your Obedt Servt
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It is not unimportant that the Dept should
know that the order for the surrender of the Chippewy
wholly to the Agency of Mr Schoolcraft took ^{place} in
the Spring of 1827. after the Treaty of Prairie du Chien
in August 1825 at the earnest solicitation
of Eastern Superintendency without in any
manner consulting the Western, and under

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circumstances which to most persons appeared to bear
marks of determined favouritism to a few -

To do away the decision of the Dept of War of Nov
17th 1821. The Treaty of Prairie du Chien was not only used
as a pretext - but a long string of fulsome charges
were collected at the Council held at Fond du Lac
in 1826 by the two Commissioners. aided by the Agent
in attendance ^{& this type} & publicly before the Indians, and a
number of disaffected traders of the Am Fur Company.

The result of which (even before my defence
could be made), was the removal of the Chippewy
and an order not to grant any licences for the Country
and in fact to have nothing to do in future with
the Agency of Mr Schoolcraft - The influence of
of this Post under such reputations upon the general
operations in this Country have become ^{completely} paralyzed
and we are left to the mercy of the most war-
like & insubordinate portion of all the Chippewy.

I respectfully beg leave as an elucidation of
the foregoing remarks to call the attention of the
Dept to my letter of defence of date the 29th May
1827 - & one other of the 31st of the same month and
of the 27th of June 1827 - & 15th March 1828 -

In forwarding the enclosed copies of remarks made
by the Chops, and head men ^{among the C's} since 1827. My only object
is to give an idea of our present intercourse with
them, and what are their views of the policy adopted
since the Treaty of Prairie du Chien.

The Sub Agency which was established in 1826 at
Lapoint on Lake Superior at an actual expense
to the Government of Five thousand dollars is I
beg leave to remark here as it stands to be alto-
gether a sinecure, therefore useless - The good
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Dept has been my entire aim since leaving the
Army in 1819 for this Station - If my views had
been otherwise I should not have caused my
Brother to vacate the Station of Sub Agent at
this Post in 1824 and I should now instead

of being dependent have escaped a handsome
property - I have taken the liberty to name these
facts here as they are known to many - to
enable the Dept to form a just estimate of my
views in the present communication.

Thus the term is
with the highest respect

It is with extreme reluctance that I have touched on the
subject of abuses in the North - but I have touched
but slightly for such a system of corruption &
welfare neglect of duty & wanton ^{misappropriation} expenditure
of the public funds might here be reported
which would I feel confident excite the
displeasure & exasperation of the Dept as well
as just indignation.

Indian Agency St. Peter's
June 3^d 1829.

Sir

In reference more particularly to your letter of the
6 of April last past. I have the honor to beg leave to assure
you that so far as this Agency is or has been concerned
in the application of the public funds for the various
purposes usually attendant on similar stations for inter-
course with the Indian Tribes - Economy has been my
Motto - and I have the vanity to believe that you
have had but little cause of complaint on the score
of profligacy as this the second most important
and interesting Agency within the limits of the wide
range of your Superintendency.

The expenditures at the period of the commencement
of our intercourse, and for some two or three years thereafter
with the various tribes of Indians inhabiting the vast
plains of the West as well as the forests of the Missis-
sippi was stated at two thousand dollars - which
has gradually been reduced to eight hundred dollars
on account of Presents to Indians for Amusements.

The contingent expenses at this date embrace the
Interpreter - Armour - Labouring and the incidental
sums expenses - provisions, transportation - fuel &c

The items embraced under the several heads of
appropriation will be found when the General Ab-
stracts shall have been examined. Not to have ex-
ceeded the yearly allotment to this Agency, and for
some years much less than this sum will appear
to have been expended. Notwithstanding the extension
of our intercourse to the North - South east & West
with the surrounding Nations.

Upon the subject of issues of provisions to Indians
it must be confessed that I am peculiarly situated
from the circumstances of the Annual arrivals at
this Agency during the Summer months of remote tribes
of Indians with whom we have had but little inter-
course and which circumstances render it prudent
as well as expedient to feed them well during

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their short stay if nothing more could be done for them which in fact from the remoteness of my Station from Head Quarters - is very often unfortunately the case -

The Government may be assured, Sir, that in no instance will a useless expenditure be made at this Agency - but the utmost economy observed consistent with the just views and liberal policy thereof -

every candid mind must see the point that there is no comparison as to the vast importance of the Western over the Eastern Superintending Agency - yet only reflect on the difference in the Annual expenditures for several years past within each - you will then perceive in more instances than one - public expeditions fitted out, in which private individuals participated, and the Treasury deemed it gratify the Cupidity of a favorite - I here beg leave to call the attention of the Department to the Council held in 1826 at Fond du Lac - Lake Superior - for which \$27 was appropriated - then follow on the next season in 1827 to Green Bay. when if I am not very much deceived it will appear that at least \$40,000 were unlawfully and unprofitably expended - \$5000 - estimated for and received to establish a Sub Agency at Sapsnow Lake Superior - & one as it stands of no earthly utility - Now Sir to close these observations on the difference and the decided advantage given to the Eastern over the Western Department of our Indian Affairs from March 1825 up to March 1829 - and the determined course of the former to monopolize as much of every appropriation as possible - I beg leave to call your attention to the difference in the total amount of the several deputations accounts presented by your Agents and those of Gov Cass in 1825 as the Treaty of Peau de Cheur - after which you will not be surprised at my having accomplished the same objects in 1826 for \$11966 with the exception of obtaining permission to work or work for Copper claims - that

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was accomplished by two Commissioners with \$27,000 at Fond du Lac in the same year

To prevent further abuse on the Lakes, it is cordially hoped that an entire stop may be put to the introduction of Whiskey into the Upper Mississippi by the Traders - There is not a Port within the Chippewy Country that was not well supplied with high wines and Whiskey during all last winter - in fact there is no control as the Agents of Government either willingly or from fear of the influence of the American Agency with the best Administrations - take no notice of these abuses -

My views hereupon in endeavoring to correct abuses in the Indian Country by reporting officially every instance within my knowledge - was at one time pronounced malicious - East of the Mississippi - but it is now gratifying that the day of Reform has arrived and in which honest views will be justly considered -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Yr Obedt Servt
Lieuut John J. Peters
Indian Agent
at S. Peters

Genl William Clark
Supt of the Affairs
at St Louis

Indian Agency St. Louis
July 5th 1829-

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions I have made out and enclosed herewith a journal Abstract for the year 1828. ending 1st of September

I have also forwarded the Quarterly Abstract A. 1st for 1829. Reference to this & to the one for the 2^d Quarter of the same year and compared with the June Abstract will show the amount which was expended between 1st day of January and the 31. day of December 1828. - If it were your wish to have the papers and vouchers divided, so as to show the actual amount expended between the dates just named the enclosed Abstract will enable the Depty a correct idea of what has been expensed & disbursed for that year at this Agency. -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect Sir
Your ool Servt. -

Lewis Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Genl William Clark
Supt In Affairs
at St. Louis

Indian Agency St. Louis
July 10th 1829-

Sir

The enclosed Special Account has been twice in the office of Indian Affairs at Washington and was returned latterly with the remark on the envelope that "It is not seen how it can be allowed".

As I have before stated the account is one founded on justice in part, and the balance actually for the good of the Service - During the ten years of my arduous, responsible and interesting service in this country - I have gone on to fulfill many of the important duties of this station. it might be said almost entirely on my own resources

I have saved to the Department some thousands and have individually lost much. -

I cannot now but believe that the enclosed account is forwarded for the last time. -

If the present Hon Secy of War should decide that it cannot be paid. I shall of course be satisfied that I am not entitled to indemnity under it. - Be pleased ^{to forward} the papers direct to the War Department if no change as yet has taken place in the Chief Clerkship in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. -

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect Sir
Your ool Servt

Lewis Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Genl William Clark
Supt In Affairs
at St. Louis

Sir

Agency House S Peter
2^d March 1829

Your official letter of this date per the hands of Mr Graham is received, and regret it could not have been less exceptionable in its character - however you may be assured that so far as my official duty is concerned and an enforcement of the intercourse Law necessary - I am ready at all times to have its provisions complied with - when there is reason to believe any material violation of it has taken place - To be sure the course pursued by our trader, is no excuse for another guilty of the same acts - or the heavy charge which you bring against Mr. Brink may with the same propriety be brought to bear - not only on yourself but nearly every trader in the Indian country - Parrot whom you state to be in the Indian country contrary to Law is now at this Post, and was here yesterday evening. - as to your two former reports on this same subject they were attended to - and when informed of the result - do you forget that you expressed yourself fully satisfied with my course in the matter in presence of Mr Langham the Sub Agent at this Post? -

I remain your obedt Servt

Louis Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At S Peter

To
Messrs Bailly Esq
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Indian Agency S Peter
June 2^d 1829

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to forward my duplicate accounts and Vouchers, and Duplicate Receipts - which embrace the sum of Seven hundred and ~~eighty~~ ^{ninety} cents on account of Salary Contingencies and Presents - expensations made in the 3^d Quarter of the year - between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of June 1829 -

I have this day drawn a draft on you at Sight in favour of Capt John C Cutterson for the full amount of said account - which is pleased to pay him or his order -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Your obedt Servt

Yours William Clark
Supt of Affairs
At S Peter

Louis Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At S Peter

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To
Yours William Clark
Supt of Affairs
Sir

Indian Agency S Peter
June 2^d 1829

At Sight please pay to Capt John C Cutterson or Order the sum of Seven hundred - ninety dollars ninety cents - it being the amount of my duplicate Receipts for Salary Contingencies & Presents - for the 3^d Q^r of the year 1829 - as to sundry ~~for~~ heretofore forwarded -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
your obedt Servt

Louis Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At S Peter

Indian Agency St Louis
June 30th 1829.

Sir/

I have this day closed your business
relation to the cattle which you and your party
left last year between Lakes Des Peres and
Big Stone - your papers having been referred to
me by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs
at St Louis - no time was lost in using every
exertion to save as many of your skins from
the inclemency of the weather - the wolves and
starving Indians as possible -

Much expense and trouble has been caused
but it affords me pleasure to have been enabled
to be of service to one of the Citizens of Missouri

I have enclosed to General Clark a draft
in your favour for (\$750) Seven hundred
and fifty dollars - which sum you will
receive on application at his office at any
moment.

I have the honor to be
Your oth Servant
Law Sabofens
Indian Agent
At St Louis

Samuel Gibson Esq
Lincol City Mo

P.S. There yet remains an account to close
which after a final settling there will
remain a balance of perhaps \$30 -

- 8 head of Cattle claimed by Reveller for his
trader
- 3 head by Movers
- 30\$ paid to two Indians

Indian Agency St Louis
June 30th 1829 -

Sir/

I have herewith enclosed to you a
draft for (\$750) seven hundred, and fifty dollars
in favour of Samuel Gibson of Lincoln county
Missouri on account of skins made of his cattle
which were left by said Gibson and his men
between Lakes Des Peres and Big Stone on the
River St Louis within the limits of this Agency

I think that he is now well paid for
his losses, and cannot have any claim on the
Government - he pleased to take his receipt
for the draft. -

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Yr. oth Servant
Law Sabofens
Indian Agent
At St Louis

Genl William Clark
Supt of Indian Affairs
At St Louis

Sir

Indian Agency S Peters
July 3^d 1829

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of date the 2^d & 24th of May and the 4th, 8th & 9th of June last past, which were handed to me by Mr Lougham the Sub Agent. Mr Graves reached this Agency yesterday and reported with forty seven foremen destined for the Teton River of the Upper Missouri & for the Service of the Am. Fur Company's trade on said River and its dependencies, all of whom have been permitted to proceed by way of the S^t Peter under the instructions of the President of the 18th of March 1818. authorizing foremen to enter the Indian Country under certain conditions and restrictions.

I shall comply to your suggestion - as on the Hon Sec of War for the \$1252 on account of Contingencies for this Agency for the year 1829 - in the manner prescribed in your instructions. I have continued the Armourer and Laborer as their services are indispensable to the operations of the Dept. but if I am to lose either I would prefer parting with the former, although the Indians would suffer great impositions and be entirely subject to the whims & caprices of the Traders who do not all employ Smiths.

Your instructions relative to the future arrangements of the yearly Quarters would have met my prompt attention, but for my having long since forwarded to your office my accounts closed up to the 1st day of June last past, as the expiration of the 3^d Qu^{tr} of 1829. - The arrangement of the 2^d Qu^{tr} may be brought to bear by now including the month of June with July, August & September, calling it the 3^d Qu^{tr} under the late arrangement and it is hoped the necessity of this measure

may meet your views. The several sums received for by the Sub Agent at S^t Peter on my account for the 3^d Qu^{tr} of the present year for your letter of advice will with your approval be applied to the expenses incurred within the Quarter which will expire on the last day of September next - embracing - June, July, August and September - necessarily four months - until which time we please to retain his duplicate receipts which will on the last day of September be replaced by the substitution of others in form.

I shall also send you a receipt for the \$450 - on account of presents furnished this Agency by Captain Kemmerley, whose receipt is necessary in triplicate at the foot of each separate account in my name.

The General Abstract of all disbursements at this Agency for the year 1828, will be forwarded as directed with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Yr. Obedt Serv^t.

Law Talafeno
Indian Agent
at S^t Peter

Genl William Clark
Suprt of In Affairs
at S^t Louis

Sir/

Indian Agency S. Peter
July 12th 1829-

The continued outrages committed by the Sacs and Foxes upon the Sioux of this Agency induces me to request that Mr Forsyth the Agent at Rock Island may be directed to cause his Indians to surrender up the four Foxes who recently committed the murders on the Forks of the Red Cedar River. to be dealt with in the same manner as were the Sioux in 1827- for wantonly attacking a party of Chippeways at this Post- a prompt and decisive measure like the one alluded to above and actually carried into effect- will give peace to the bleeding tribes by tending to open wide their eyes and ears- for such manner operate like an electric shock, and in its consequences securing the happy results.-

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir

Your obedt Servt

Saml Patafem

Indian Agent

at S. Peter

Genl William Clark }
Suprt of In Affairs }
at S. Louis }

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Sir/

Indian Agency S. Peter
July 27th 1829-

It is hoped that an arrangement may soon be made for the Government of the Chippeways of the Mississippi and for their more permanent protection from their enemies.-

If I may be permitted to offer an opinion- these desirable objects might be fully accomplished by the Location of an Agent and an ^{man} ~~interfering~~ as their Sub Agent- at Gull Lake- then to receive and to receive his instructions from the most accessible Superintending Agency to his Station-

A recent affair near Otter Lake between the Sioux and Chippeways- resulted in ten of the former and 6 of the latter killed with several wounded on both sides-

The Report of the Foxes having destroyed several Lodges of the Wahpacosta Sioux near the Desmoines has not been confirmed- but I have no doubt but that the Sioux will never be able under all circumstances to hunt on their lands in quiet or with any degree of safety for the incursions of the Fox Indians.-

I have herewith enclosed two Estimates for your consideration- one for the year 1830 and one other for the 2^d Q^r of the present year- If the latter be approved- the articles could be sent up this fall in the same Boat with the Suttlers stores for this Post-

Be proud to authorize Capt. Kemmerley to fell it and forward the goods by the conveyance above stated- for if the opportunity be lost I must miserably remain destitute of Presents for at least seven months, perhaps much longer.-

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect Sir
Your obedt Servt

Genl William Clark }
Suprt of In Affairs }
at S. Louis }

Saml Patafem

Indian Agent

at S. Peter

Sir

Indian Agency St Louis
August 20 1829

William A. Attkins for several years past a trader for the Chickasaws at Curro Island Upper Mississippi. has in more instances than one been guilty of exciting the Indians within his vicinity, to acts of hostility against the Servants of this Agency, and has been known to offer to furnish ammunition &c for that purpose. —

I have also to charge him with endeavoring to impress the Indians unfavorably towards the Government, and it appears in using the following language to the Chickasaw Chiefs which can be substantiated —

"The Medals and Flags which you received at St Louis are nothing more than pewter, and dish rags and were given to you by a boy and with a hog paw — I should have reported these facts long since but from a disinclination to interfere with them because from another quarter

but it is now hoped that Mr Attkins may be wholly disbarred all intercourse in future with the Indian Country. —

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Yr. obed Servt

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Genl William Clark
Supt. of Affairs
at St Louis

Be pleased to forward a copy of this letter to the Department of War.

Sir

Indian Agency St Louis
August 10th 1829 —

I have this received your letter of June 23 last past. upon the subject of Mr Gibson being indebted to you for the full amount of his account of Cattle which were left by him and his men within the limits of this Agency in the Spring of 1828. and requesting that any funds which may have been received on sale of said Cattle might be remitted to you by his order.

I have in answer thereto to inform you that after making the best possible disposition of Mr G's property & learning that he had become much embarrassed in consequence of his misfortune. I enclosed a draft on the Agent of the Am F Coy at St Louis through the Supt of the Affairs in favor of said Gibson. for the sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars — A Bill of Sale was also forwarded by which the balance of twenty dollars will appear still due from me having made no charge for my own trouble & which balance will be paid on my arrival in St Louis in the course of the approaching fall.

I am the honor
to be your obed Servt

Geo Collier Esq
St Louis
Missouri

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Louis

180. Sir

Indian Agency Station
August 10th 1829.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of four letters from your office of date the 29 May & of the 11-22 & 24th of June past also a package of forms of Accounts Abstracts &c, to be observed in the future in the making up of my accounts. -

I shall pay every attention possible to your wishes, and comply with the several injunctions contained in them, both from your office and the Department of war. - I shall at all times, as heretofore use every system of the most rapid economy in regard to the applications of the public funds placed in my charge. - I anticipated your call for the Estimate in form, for the year 1830. which together with a quarterly Estimate ending the 1st of Jan 31- has some time since been forwarded, and will reach you in due season. - I now forward one other as directed, which will show what funds are required for the four months ending on the 1st of October next. amounting to \$1079.32 from which is to be deducted at your hands, the amount of the Sub Agents receipts to you in my favour for funds for March, April and May last. - which remains to be applied under your sanction, to the quarter ending on the 1st of October next. -

I have also forwarded an abstract for the year 1828. showing the several sums expended under the several heads of appropriation during the four quarters of that year. - also agreeably to your instructions. - a list of all persons in the employ of the Indian Agency at St Peter showing whom. - their different employments, amount paid to each, - when born, and when received when appointed with Remarks. - as none of your last letter reached me until yesterday. - I much fear that this communication with its enclosures will not reach

you by the 25th of the present month. - The removal of my Station from head quarters, puts it out of my power to denote that promptness which should characterize every man determined to do his duty. -

Suspensions have been made in my accounts between the 1st of December 1827. & 30 Nov. 1828 by the 2^d Auditor of the Treasury of funds paid to two Person and Fred Alexander, as Labourers or assistants of the Armourer and for funds paid Doct J P Cell Mahon for Medical services rendered at this Agency in 1827. 8.

I have this day written a letter to Mr Lewis, in explanation in which is stated the grounds which an appl to the Armourer was allowed by you in 1824 under the sanction of the War Dept. - Mr Calhoun

I have mentioned this, that in the event of a letter from the Treasury Dept. you may be enabled to state the correctness of my remark as to the decision of the Sec of War, on the subject of the propriety of my employing a man for the laborious duty of this Agency & which was referce to your decision

I have again to make my acknowledgements for you for your kindness in permitting my absence from this Post for a short time. - I shall not however leave this until the 1st of Oct.

I have the honor to be with the highest respects
Yr. Obedt Servt

Genl William Clark
Supt of the Affairs
St Louis

Lucas Polk
Indian Agent
St Peter

1829

Sir

Indian Agency St Peter
August 20 - 1829 -

I have for some months been so constantly employed in the various duties of my office that I much fear my Duplicate Receipts for presents furnished by Capt Kennedy for the present Quarter have not been forwarded to you - I have now the honor to enclose them amounting to the sum of Four hundred and fifty Dollars -

If however it should appear that I am mistaken one Set of Receipts may be destroyed

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect for

Genl William Clark
Supr of Indian Affairs
At St Louis

Yr. Obedt Servt
Saml Palfreman
Indian Agent
At St Peter

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Sir

Indian Agency St Peter
Sept 3^o 1829 -

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated July 12 last part on the subject of the fee proffered you to attend to the Suit of the United States vs Peace etc. - instituted against me by Alexis Bailey for the alleged Seizure of his Whiskey in 1826 - you speak of not having heard from me for a long time and that you had accidentally been informed by a gentleman of your profession that the suit had been dismissed and that of course you claim indemnity for your trouble under it and this in the log seems formerly proffered by me on certain conditions which conditions I humbly conceive have on your part not been fulfilled, as will the more fully appear from the Records of the Clerk of the County Court of Crawford -

The Suit went against me by default and then and not till then, did an accommodation take place - I attended the Court at its May term in 1828 with my witnesses - but I found there no Attorney - nor did my Attorney take the necessary steps by his attendance to prevent the first issue of my suit, once permitted it to go against me - I am doing business for the U States and cannot uncautiously permit the Government to pay for services which were never rendered - I have taken a wrong view of this question we both can certainly be fairly corrected by a fair arbitration on the matter.

It is true I did not write write as to the course I found myself rather compelled to take, and deemed it unnecessary to consult you as it fully and fairly appeared that that to all intents and purposes you had failed to give your attention to it

almost from the ~~standing~~ I observe what you say in regard to your having taken or placed yourself at the head of a family - I cheerfully would I must your wishes if thereby I could justify my expending the public money on the grounds of your present claim.

You may select one Lawyer in Iowa and I will select one other - these two may select a third and if after a fair investigation of your claim they should decide in your favour - I shall feel myself bound to present such claim to the Government for consideration.

I have the honor to be
Yr obed Servt

Wm Turney Esq } Law Professor
Attorney at Law } Madison
Galena }
Illinois } At St Peter

Indian Agency St Peter
September 8th 1829

Rev. Sir

It having been represented to me by the Rev. Aaron Coe that it is very desirable on the part of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church to form an establishment at this Post, and also within the heart of the Chippeway Country bordering on the upper Mississippi for purposes of Agriculture, Schools, and the development the light and truths of the Christian Religion to the unhappy Aborigines of this vast wilderness and as my views fully accord in every material point with those of Messrs Coe, and Stephens - I can in truth assure the board through you Sir, of my determination heartily to cooperate with them in any and every measure that may be calculated to ensure success in the highly interesting and important objects to which the attention of the Society has been so happily directed.

I have recommended to the Government to appoint a Special Sub Agent to reside at Gull Lake, to superintend the general concerns of the most warlike and respectable portions of all the Chippeways of the Mississippi and its tributary waters above Lake Pepin - thereby to lessen their visits to this Agency - it being desirable to prevent their coming in contact too often with their old enemies the Sioux - Should the Society form a Mississippi establishment on the waters of the St Louis - some of which communicate with the River of the Mississippi - and a Special Agent or Sub Agent the influence of whom might be necessary to the more efficient operations of the Missionary Farmers then located - I have no doubt but that the Government would be willing to appoint one for this special duty - if advised by the Society, accompanied with the explanatory views on the subject. - as to an

Establishment for the Sioux of this agency it would be in the power of the Society to commence its operations without much expense at the Falls of St Anthony when there is a good Ghrist and Saw Mill with suitable Buildings at present going to decay for the want of occupants.

I would cheerfully turn over my at present infant Colony of Agriculturists together with their implements of husbandry - Horses &c &c to such an establishment.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Respectfully yr. Mo or Serv

Sain Saliaferro
Indian Agent

Rev. Joshua T. Russell
Secy Board of Missions
Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia

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Philladelphia

Indian Trade Upper Mississippi -

The Factory System was badly conducted - it was wisely intended for the amelioration of the condition of the several Indian tribes within this government in preventing impositions being practiced on a large scale upon our northern and western as well as southern Indians - Experience has taught us that this system may be made applicable to all the wants of the tribes - if impositions of the requisite supplies of a certain description of goods be authorized from England - ^{bring it to} ~~bring~~ our domestic manufacturers to supply the balance which would now be no small item in forming complete apartments for the various establishments which might be formed at convenient points near all our frontier posts with branches further advanced into the Indian Country - ^{to supply their wants more amply} ~~to supply~~ ^{to} ~~bring~~ give to the Factory System a new impetus and all our hopes and wishes would no doubt be realized - The fair comparison will of course avail against this just proposition and perhaps - endeavour to make ~~the~~ out the writer of this - as particularly interested in such a scheme for their reformation and to abate most effectually their unbearable impositions as well as ^{giving} a death blow to the old Canadian influence now & for years enervated by a law to the no small detriment of peace, and tranquility on the waters of the Mississippi - Some writer has lately attempted to show (in which he has not failed) that this branch of business has not been conducted on fair principles - and speaks of the operation of the traders of the American Fur Coy as injurious to the Indians, and of determined hostility to the Agents & friends - Some additional light may be thrown upon both these ~~these~~ subjects which will go to prove the more conclusively that this writer, and truly philanthropic friend to the oppressed Indian race has not been led into error - & So far as that the trade as conducted in times past as well as at the present day - has been his still prejudicial both to the Indians ^{as well as} ~~and~~ the former governments -

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prejudicial to the Indians in as much as the goods are put to them by the trader when taking his credit in the fall at so high a rate that any man who has a large family is deterred from purchasing what might under less oppressive sales be all sufficient for the immemorial wants of his children, and perhaps two or more wives - This or any declension or his part to go in debt for is the fear of not having furs sufficient to meet the demands of the trader. The result is that most of his family remain all winter before his eyes destitute of clothing. - Goods remain generally at the same price - unless the furs animals are very abundant - then 50 percent & frequently a much greater sum is immachably placed on every article of Merchandise

In 1827-8. the following prices were paid by the Indians on the Miss & River St Peter deemed from the best authority -

Blankets 3/4 pt - Cost 6 for pair.	Sold at 45 Rats	\$11.25
Guns New at \$	5.50	120 30 50
Shroud Blue for 90 -	2.50	214 6-00
Kettles Iron	1.50	16 4-00
Powder for lb -	30 ct	10 2-50
Lead for lb.	5 ct	2 0-50
Knives for	1 ct	2 50
Knives	12 ct	4 1-00
Scarlet Cloth 2.50 for 90	40	8 "
Calico Sempars. 30 ct	8	2 "

The prices for the last 3 years have been but little decreased as will appear from the following list of prices -

Blankets - 3/4 pt	40 Rats each or 10 dollars
do - 2 1/2 pt	3
do - 1 pt	15
Blue Shroud for 90	
Scarlet Cloth for 90	
Calico dress - for 90	
Kettles Iron	
Knives	
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Lead	

Notwithstanding the high prices at which goods are yearly furnished to the Indians in the North and West where it may be said that the American Fur Co have almost the exclusive monopoly of the trade - the deputy agents and those under them pretend to find many pretences for animadversions upon the agents of governments inflicting all manner of persecution upon any American Citizens who may presume to enter into a competition with them in the trade - no matter in what manner so that they can disgorge the furs like a cancer of their souls upon such an one, or upon the Agent who in the just discharge of his duties according to Law & his instructions - should deign to license an independent Citizen to share ~~in~~ ^{with them} the precarious profits of a hazardous competition, and consequently uncertain result of his exertions against a host determined standard. We have spoken of the course pursued by the American Fur Company not as a body - but as to a few of their Agents on the Mississippi - some of whom have been heard to say (as we are informed & from good authority) that for a 3/4 pt Blanket they could cause the Umbagogos to make a Pot pie of an old, and respectable Agent at Prairie du Chien - This fact as well as many others of a similar and even worse import have been known to escape the lips of these Mississippi demoralized Canadian Monopol English American Citizens - some of whom have tried administration after administration to oust from their Posts the watchful guardians of the rights of the Indians and of the interests of the Nations - by reports so violent in their import that falsehood and personal feeling appeared so palpably to predominate in all these - that the governments could not but come to a just estimate of the views & intentions of their voluminous communications - It is only requisite to remain in the Indian Country a few years to become acquainted with the facts of a Native Man's Malice in many respects than what we have been represented as the purporting is but an ~~imperfect~~ ^{superficial} sketch of the reality.

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Office of Indian Affairs - duly authorized by the
 Military gentlemen designated for that purpose
 & upon which you will discover at least as far
 as I am concerned show for the great and mighty
 sum of \$900. has arisen in "Swelling the power &
 influence of Lawrence Taliaferro" Indian Agent
 with the formidable band of Lake Cathoon

The allotment for the last two years as paid by
 Lewis James McClure to the Indians of Lake
 Cathoon - who are engaged in agriculture will
 be found in the following list appended.

To the Superior Sioux of Tremont and Sioux	118.50
Lake Pepin band - Marquette Makzab	118.50
The 9 mile Village - Wah Ren Tunkah	118.50
The 4. mile Village - Wah Ma du Tunkah	75
The 7 mile Village - Tah Chunt Washaw	103.50
The 20 mile Village - Patah Eu hak	213.50
Lake Cathoon Village - Marquette Charles	157.50
Total Am't \$ 900.00	

It now becomes my duty after having truly & faithfully showed
 the falsehood of your truly worthy correspondence touching
 the amount of Annually actually paid to the formidable band
 of Lake Cathoon Sioux, both in this, and the year 1835
 I will transmit ~~the~~ your information the proceedings at
 the payment of the last Annually on the 11th of June past,
 which will be sufficient with the public in showing
 conclusively what influence may have been exercised
 over the minds of the Indians - to induce them to take
 Goods in payment ^{in lieu} of money -

Remnants of the chips and paraded men of the club
 are Hunter, Sipester, and Washpa Skota tutors of Sioux
 parties to the Treaty of Peace du Champs of the 15th of July
 1830. At the Annually payment at the
 Agency at Plover on the 11th day of June 1836 -

Directed by the Agent

My friends & children

We have a fair mety and your Annually for
 1836 is now before you, and in full time

and this subject has often been discussed by the
~~Trust~~ ^{Trust} concerned & finally settled to the satis-
 faction of all parties. with the exception of the
 Treaty ~~Trust~~ - ship which was after the act of
 Congress of the 30th of June 1834 transferred from
 76 heads of families to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~announced~~ ^{announced} ~~& fifty~~ ^{and fifty} ~~four~~
 and since this transfer there have been employed
 in said shop as Black Smiths - Reapers & Knappers,
 Antwood Papus, and Oliver Crad. This last
 named individual came into service at the instance
 of the Indians, and at their earnest request - on
 the grounds of his learning the quality of a good
 Armourer with that of a Superior Smith. The
 other two individuals being but plain Smiths only.
 I leave it to you or any other unprejudiced
 person, ^{to say} in consulting the wishes of the Indians
 in this important particular, I could be accused
 of any sinister motive in so plain a transaction -
 All contracts formed with the hired men of this
 Agency have by an express regulation of the ~~Trust~~
 to be forwarded to the Dept of War Office of Indian
 Affairs for approval - when you can the public
 are informed that I handle no funds of any
 description except my own pay - and that the
 Mail is Agency for the Indian Dept at Fort Snelling
 makes all the payments on the ~~fact~~ ^{act} of contracts
 to the hired men as well as to the Indian tribes
 and in the person of workers duly designated
 by the Dept to see the payments made - behold
 the foundations of "treason" begun to totter - and
 now his ~~vicious~~ ^{vicious} ~~castle~~ ^{castle} of half Indian
~~fraud~~ ^{fraud} composed of envy, malice, detraction and
 hatred as its main pillars, & falsehood as the cap
 stone shall be protruded - I send you ~~then~~ with
 the division of the Annually as payable to the Indians
 within the Agency for the present year and also
 such proceedings at our Annually payments since
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To the Editor of the Gazette & Advertiser
 Sir/ I find that placed into my hands
 one of your numbers of the Gazette of the 25th
 of June in which my name appears at full length
 in a long piece over the signature of "Veritas" and
 but for the Editorial remarks in reference thereto
 you would not have been troubled with this
~~particular~~ communication - That "Veritas" has stated
 stated the whole truth in reference to my conduct
 as a public agent of this Post for near 17 years past
 remains to be shown - We will admit the paragraphs
 in form & substance ^{stated} as attested by me at the
 signing of the Treaty of Peace du Chien of the 15th of July
 1830 - When you will ask why such language was
 used? you shall be informed as briefly as possible
 In the first place there was no strong objection to
 the formation of said Treaty on the part of any one
 Government in its provisions except ^{the} former
 Chief "Wabshas" and his objection arose from the
 fact of a desire on his part to pay ^{Mr} Joseph Rivette
 a particular fund of his the sum of some
 \$3,000 - to this I flatly objected, & declared in
 open Council that the Treaty should be signed
 and that I did not care whether this Chief signed
 it or not - and that there were others who would
 sign it - I gained my point, and some this sum
 to the Treasury - but of course gained some enemies -
 "Veritas" thinks he brings a grand and serious charge
 also as to the abolition of the \$2,000 annually
 between the Meekwa Kanon - Superior, and
 Wahpaa Koola tribes of Sioux parties to the Treaty
 herein referred to - It is to be observed that he
 gives to Wabshas three thirds of the country
 ceded - whereas if ^{the} said Stated the whole truth
 the result would have been that the Wahpaa
 Koola Sioux alone should have had
 every dollar of the Annually - This has been
 as often noted by our tribes as the others

