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His Excellency
Gov. Henry Dodge
Sept. 2nd 1843
at Mineral Point
Missouri

I have the honor to be Sir
your most obedt Servt
Samuel P. Hays
Missouri
at St. Louis

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Governor

Office of Indian Agency Affairs
Upper Mississippi August 20. 1836

On the 17th inst I received a letter from the
Department of War Office of Indian Affairs dated
the 22^d of June which directs me to report to you for
instructions after the 8th day of July 1836. It will there-
fore afford me pleasure to receive, and to carry out
any plans, or instructions which you may deem expe-
dient or proper for the government of my course of
policy with the various tribes of Sioux, and with
the Chippewas of the New Lab Agency, and who have
unhappily been under my control for the last
seventeen years. —

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Indian Affairs
Elk Grove Wisconsin

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obt Servt
Saul Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor

Office of Indian Agency Affairs
Upper Mississippi August 20. 1836

The fiscal year will expire on the 30th of next Mon-
th (Sept) to which period all accounts have to be made up under the
regulations. Yet not one cent of funds of any description, or for
any purpose have been received by the Mil^l Agent for Indian
Department at this Post.

His Excellency
Gov. Henry Dodge
Supt Indian Affairs
at Menominee Point
Wisconsin Ter

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obt Servt
Saul Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi August 22^o 1836

On, or about the 20th of last month a war party of some thirty Mountain Fox Indians fell in with and destroyed a lodge of the Wah-paa-rosta tribe of Sioux between the Cannon & Des Moines Rivers, and within the Sioux country. Six of the Sioux were killed and two women taken prisoners.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Suprt Indian Affairs
Elk Grove
Wisconsin T.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your mo^o ob^t Servt
Saul Paliaterra
Indian Agent
(At St. Peter)

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi Augt 24 1836

I have enclosed herewith an a/c of Sales made under the orders of the department of date the 6th of July of certain Smiths tools not now required for use under the contract with the Treaty Smith. The duplicate Receipts of the Mil. Dep^t for Indian Department at Fort Snelling for the sum of Sixty nine dollars & twelve are also enclosed under the proper heads of appropriation for Support of Smith Shop under the 1st Art. Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15 of July 1830.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Suprt of Indian Affairs
at Elk Grove
Wisconsin T.

Very respectfully Sir
Your mo^o ob^t Servt
Saul Paliaterra
Indian Agent
(At St. Peter)

Colonel

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi. August 31. 1836

The month of August has passed without (as far as information has been received at this office) any collision between the tribes of Sioux and Chippewas - Late in June past the Mandans of the Missouri made another attack upon the Yankton Sioux beyond Lac Travers. but were defeated with the loss of Twenty Eight of their people. The Yanktons Nine killed.

Colonel William Lawrence
U. S. Army
Commanding -
Fort Snelling

Very respectfully Sir
Your ob^t Servt
Saul Paliaterra
Indian Agent
(At St. Peter)

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi Sept 2^o 1836

I deem it proper that you should be apprised of the fact of my having addressed the Department on the 15th of May last upon the subject of the extinction of the title of the Upper, and Lower Medawakanton Sioux to all their lands East of the Mississippi, and extending from a point opposite the Upper Iowa to the first River above Sauk River, and 70 miles above this Post. for a sum less than \$560,000. Should the Dept be able to give the subject its speedy attention as the minds of the Indians were fluctuating, and liable to be influenced by designing persons.

An answer has been received stating that the subject of a Treaty with those Indians would have to be deferred for the present for the want of an appropriation.

It is to be regretted that this important question could not have been obtained prior to the promulgation of Mr Schoenckers will, & extraordinary

4.
Treaty with the Chippewas, and Ottawas at Washington City
in March last, and you have only to mark the approp-
riations. under that treaty to be convenient of the latter
impracticability of treating with the tribes yet within
the New Territory upon any reasonable basis of a fair
compensation for their lands in future - unless we
surrender the Surplus Revenue to the many "Vallons"
at all times and on all occasions in the wake of
the tribes whenever it is in contemplation to form a
Treaty with them.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Ind Affairs
at Elk Grove, W.T.

Very respectfully Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
Sau Paliogero
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Office of Indian Agency St Louis
Upper Mississippi Sept 2^d 1836

Governor

I have enclosed herewith under
a regulation of the Department - duplicate abstracts
of all licenses granted for the trade within this Agency
for the month of August 1836.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Ind Affairs
at Elk Grove
Wisconsin Terr

Very respectfully Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
Sau Paliogero
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Governor.

5
Office of Indian Agency St Louis
Upper Mississippi Sept 20 1836

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
the 17th inst of your letter, and enclosure of the 11th & 17th of August
from Elk Grove. It was only on the 17th the date of your
last letter that I received from the Department of War
Office of Indian Affairs the communication of date the
22^d of June past directing me in future to make my reports
to, and to receive the instructions of the Governor of Wisconsin.

On the 20th of August I reported in accordance therewith
with a foreword since several communications of date
the 22^d 23^d 24th 25th & 31 of August and 2 of September were
all of which were directed to "Mineral Point" instead of
"Elk Grove" not having been apprised of the point of
location of your Head Quarters.

I deem it proper to be thus explicit as it may appear
that since the 3^d day of July - I have continued to
report on the Affairs of this Agency to the Department at
St Louis.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Ind Affairs
at Elk Grove
Wisconsin Terr

Very respectfully Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
Sau Paliogero
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 20th 1836

Referring as it is necessary I should in a particular manner to your wishes upon the subject of a speedy ratification of the Convention embracing the Strip of land heretofore ceded on the part of the Wahpatoona tribe of Sioux, and others to the U.S. It is proper that I should apprise you of the absence of every influential individual of all the tribes parties to the treaty of 1825 & 1830 - of Peace de Chien. Had your letter reached this Agency as early as the 15th of this month - I could then have met your views without much expense, or trouble. Now it is different the Chipp & head men are from one hundred, & fifty - to two hundred, & fifty miles off on the plains - on their fall hunt - Credits to a large amount have been taken by them from their Teachers, and they are scattered in various directions over the Country - To bring such of these people as may be required to fulfill the views of the Dept. embracing the subject proposed at this particular juncture - would have to be required by a handsome present as rather an indemnity for the temporary suspension of their hunters - The means to effect this are not within my reach at this Post. The stores shipped for this Agency are reported to be at Peace de Chien - and for one year past I have had to conduct the intercourse without any aid other than personal influence with the various tribes - I will not cease however to do all the best I can or in my power under all the circumstances.

Very respectfully Sir

Your most obedt Servt
Saul Salaserra
Indian Agent
(At Station)

His Excellency

Governor Henry Levee

Super of Indian Affairs

Elk Grove

Wisconsin Ter

Major.

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 20 1836

Your letter of the 22nd of August has been received enclosing Invoices, and Receipts for Agricultural Implements Iron Stoves, &c under Treaty stipulations, & for Permits, & Stationary for the year 1836 - all of which articles have been left at Peace de Chien by the Steam Boat and it is doubtful if I get the Supplies (now & for some months wanted) until next spring. I have to remark also that but one Requestion for Current disbursements could be met since the 31st of March last for the Indian Department at this Post.

May I B Branch

U S Army

Michx's App for Indian Dept
At Station

With high respect

Your most obedt Servt

Saul Salaserra

Indian Agent

(At Station)

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 22nd 1836

I have herewith forwarded for the information of the Dept a letter from Doctor Emerson Army Surgeon at this Post. accompanied by his App in duplicate for the sum of Eighteen dollars - for Vaccinating rather over 300 of the Indians of this Agency between the 10th & 18th of Jan last past - at my request, and under the instructions of the Dept of the 10th of May 1832. If the appropriation under the Act of May 3rd 1832 to extend the means of Vaccination to the Indian tribes be not expended - I recommend the payment of his account - as the services charged for were promptly & and faithfully rendered at a critical period for the Indians.

His Excellency

Gov Henry Levee

Super of Indian Affairs

Very respectfully yr most obedt Servt

Saul Salaserra

Indian Agent

Governor

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 29 1836

Mr. McCollet who has just returned from the sources of the Mississippi found the Chippeways of Leech Lake in great excitement of mind preparing for a descent upon the Sioux. His liberation for four or five days was extremely critical and unpleasant. But under the powers granted him as this officer he not only tranquillized the turbulent Savage but landed safely at this Post on the 27th inst. bringing with him the head Chief "Flat Mouth" and ten councillors of the Pelleper band of Leech Lake.

I must beg leave to remark in relation to Mr. McCollet that on the occasion referred to his conduct was highly creditable to himself and that the interest of the United States was honorably sustained. And he has received for the Government my acknowledgments accordingly.

The enclosed remarks were made at the Council held with the Chippeways by appointment on the 28th inst. at the Office of the Commanding Officer Colonel Lavenport. It has been deemed proper that you should under all the circumstances have them.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedt Servt

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Super Indian Affairs

at Elk Grove

His cousin Sir

San Salaserra

Indian Agent

at St Louis

At St Louis
 At St Louis

Mayor

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 30 1836

I have herewith enclosed the ap of Mr. Patrick Quinn against the Dept for occasional Services as Interpreter for the Chippeways in our intercourse with them upon the waters of the Upper Mississippi. Be pleased to pay the amount of his account out of the sum of One hundred and Seventy five dollars applicable to this special object for the year 1836.

Very respectfully

Your most obedt Servt

Mayor J. B. Brant

U S Army

Mil Secy appt for Indian Dept

at St Louis

San Salaserra

Indian Agent

at St Louis

Sir

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 30 1836

I have drawn the enclosed Requirements including 2^d ending Sept 30. 1836 on you as Mil Secy appt for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling for the following sums viz Pay of Agent \$750

" Interpreter	130
Treaty Stipulations	Pay Black Smith 300
" Printer	118.60
Truce	23.00
Public Postage	12.87
	\$1354.47

In the event of their not being found in hand sufficient to meet the amt of Pay drawn to Sept 30. I should be obliged by being notified at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Lieut James McClure

Mil Secy appt for Indian Dept

at Fort Snelling

San Salaserra

Indian Agent

at St Louis

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi Sept 30. 1836
Governor

A Post Office has been established at Fort Snelling, and to which all official letters relative to the affairs of this Agency if addressed will reach the Officers attached to, and doing duty in the Indian Department here - The Agency buildings are situated about 1/4 of a mile from Fort Snelling (west) and near the junction of the St. Peter & Mississippi Rivers -

Reported under a Special Requisition of the Dept -

Very respectfully Sir

His Excellency -

Governor Henry Dodge

Supr of Indian Affairs

at Elk Grove -

Wisconsin Terr.

Your most Obedt Servt

Lawrence

Indian Agent

at St. Peter

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi Sept 30 1836

Governor

I have the honor herewith to forward all the Requisitions under the Commissioner's Circular of May 1835. which are in any manner connected with the operations of this Agency - under the laws & Regulations communicated from time to time for my government -

Vis: Duplicate Abstracts of all Licenses granted

2. A list of all persons employed at the Agency

3. Statistical returns showing the No. & location of the Indians

4. Annual list of all Requisitions claimed

5. Yearly, & Semiannual Estimates for funds

6. Site of the Agency Building, Post Office &c

His Excellency

Gov Henry Dodge

Supr of Indian Affairs

Wisconsin

Very respectfully Sir

Lawrence

Indian Agent

at St. Peter

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi Sept 30 1836
Colonel

Within the range of this Agency it is believed that nothing has occurred during the past month on the part of the various tribes of Sioux indicating of hostility.

In reporting for the month it may be observed that one or two head of Cattle have been shot belonging to Citizens of the Post by some of the neighbouring Indians, and left such acts which often occur even among their own people may be readily ascribed a feeling of personal revenge against some individual which goes no further than the act referred to - The conditions as well as the disposition of our neighbours the Chippeways are known to you -

Very respectfully Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Lawrence

Indian Agent

at St. Peter

Colonel William Babcock

U. S. Army

Commanding

Fort Snelling

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi Aug 25. 1836

I have enclosed herewith for the Office of the Affairs at Washington a duplicate of the Remarks made at Annuity payment on the 11th of Jan 1836 at the Agency at St. Peter which contains the decision of the Chiefs as to what they desire their Annuity to be paid in 1837. under the Treaty of Peace and Commerce of the 15th of July 1830 -

Very respectfully Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Lawrence

Indian Agent

at St. Peter

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Supr of Indian Affairs

at Elk Grove

Wisconsin

Governor

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Oct 2^d 1836

I have forwarded herewith Copies of Requisitions numbered from 1 to 6. on the Mil Dis App for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling embracing the Annuities for the Upper Indian Agency, Sisseton and Wahpaakooton Sioux only under the 12th Art Treaty of Peace etc. Chems of the 15th of July 1830 and for current expenses such as presents, & Stationary all for the year 1837. I also forwarded reports & half yearly Estimates for the same period embracing each, and every item of expenditure usually required under the various heads of appropriation.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours most obedt Servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Suprt of Indian Affairs
Ellk Bros. Wisconsin
Saul Palacios
Indian Agent
At Station

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Oct 2^d 1836

Sir

I have enclosed herewith Requisitions drawn & numbered from 1 to 6. for Annuities for the Sioux for the year 1837 and for current expenses - all to be delivered at the Agency at Station on or before the 25th day of May 1837.

Very respectfully
Yours most obedt Servt

Leat James McClure
Mil Dis App for Indian Dept
At Fort Snelling
Saul Palacios
Indian Agent
At Station

Major -

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Oct 9th 1836

I have agreeably to your request herewith returned with my Signature attached the duplicate Receipts for Presents and Agricultural implements for 1836 -

I also enclose duplicate Receipts for the Iron & Steel and for Stationary for the same period which were not among the papers transmitted - you will be pleased to excuse the haste in which these as well as this letter has been written - as the Small Steam Boat has allowed me but little time to address you

I remain

With great regard
Yours most obedt Servt
Saul Palacios
Indian Agent
At Station

Major J. B. Beant -
U. S. Army
Mil Dis App for Indian Dept
At Station

Colonel

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Oct 8th 1836

The month of October has closed without any act of hostility committed towards the United States, or the tribes of Indians on our borders by the Sioux of this Agency - The progress of the Trade is therefore unimpeded and prosperous so far as heard from.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours most obedt Servt

Col William Davenport
U. S. Army
Commanding
Fort Snelling
Saul Palacios
Indian Agent
At Station

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Oct 30 1836

I have forwarded herewith duplicate Abstracts of all Licenses granted at this Agency during the month of October 1836. for the consideration of the Department, and under a Special regulation of the same.

With high respect Sir

Yours mo. ob. Servt

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge

Suprt Ind. Affairs

Saml P. A. S. P. S.

Indian Agent

At St. Peters

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Nov 2 1836

The month of Oct. has passed without any act of hostility committed by the Indians of this Agency towards their neighbors on either side of the Sioux boundary.

I take this occasion to state that as the means have a short time since been placed at my disposal. It will be practicable by the 1st day of December to furnish you with the Ratified Convention on the part of the Upper Indian Nation. The Sisseton & Wahpachoota tribes of Sioux - Relinquishing all claims to the Strip of Country to be attracted to the State of Missouri.

The tribes concerned cannot be convened before the 25 day of this month. which I trust may be in time for your report to the Government.

With the highest respect Sir

I remain yr. mo. ob. Servt

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge

Suprt of Ind. Affairs

At Elk Grove

Wisconsin Terr

Saml P. A. S. P. S.

Indian Agent

At St. Peters

Indian Agency St. Peters
Wisconsin Terr. Nov 2 1836

My dear Sir

I have but a moment to ask after your health. as our mail leaves in a few hours for Prairie du Chien. You have doubtless returned from your visit to Fort Leavenworth, and the object of your expedition realized.

The means which you placed at my disposal will enable me to carry out the views of the Dept. by a Ratification of a Convention with the Indians of this Agency relinquishing any rights they may have to the Strip of Country to be attracted to the State of Missouri.

The peculiar conditions of the trade in connection with the dispersed, and distant portions of the tribes concerned will necessarily delay the accomplishment of the object in view until the 25 of this month.

I have nothing important to communicate from this Agency. we are tranquilly on our borders, and hope to so continue for some time. In the course of four or five years however. this beautiful portion of our Aboriginal Soil will present a widely different and a melancholy aspect to the Planters & Farmers.

The Crisis is approaching - but I have faith that day. - should we both live. we may witness, or at least hear of the devastations, and disasters which are to come. heavily on the whites - but ultimately worse for the Indians - we have designing, & unprincipled men at work. Gold is their brazen fool, and they will use freely to destroy any honest man standing between them, and the forlorn, and helpless Savage - would to God. that the Government would take up the subject and counteract the wicked designs of men who were born upon another soil in another land, and only here to realize wealth upon the blood of their own, or

16 The Nations honor. Thousands, and hundreds of
Thousands of dollars are now annually paid by the
Treasury to a Set of men who have defrauded the
Indians, and are now using them to defraud the
Government - Pay by all means for Spoliations
committed on the property of our Citizens by Indians
But never, never, for a Set of patched up and
fraudulent claims for Articles lost, or stolen to be
lost in the trade with the Indians, for ten, or twenty
years back - If I am wrong in this - May I be
put right, for I confess my dilemma the more I
witness the promulgation of treaties formed within
the past year -

Our best wishes attend you and all our friends
in St Louis, in which we are joined by Mr. Nicot
who is joining the fall, and approaching winter
as our residence, and who seems pleased with
his situation in our little family.

I remain forever

Your old & true friend
Law Saliaferro

Genl William Clark
Supt Indian Affairs
At St Louis

Sir

17
Office of Indian Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi Nov 5th 1836

I received your letter of the 8th of October
on the 4th inst. requesting permission to cut pine logs on
the Chippeway, or any other Pines within this country
I have in reply to state that such Authority is not
vested in any Agent to grant such a privilege.

The Law is positive and cannot be disregarded,
otherwise your application would receive favourable
consideration at this office -

Very respectfully Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

To Benj^m C. St. Cyr
Galena
Illinois -

Law Saliaferro
Indian Agent
(at St Peter)

Madam -

Office of Indian Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi Nov. 5. 1836

Your letter of the 23rd of September past is before
me - on the subject of Wagon Claim with others to the Half
breed Reservation at Lake Pepin - by the Treaty of July the
15th 1830 - It has not been determined as yet what
disposition the Department may deem expedient to make
of it - with the best dispositions on my part to befriend
you in so important a matter. I am not at liberty
to say more than that "when the subject may be
taken up - your claims will be duly considered -

Very respectfully
Your most Obedt Servt

To
Mrs. Margaret St. Cyr
Prairie du Chien

Law Saliaferro
Indian Agent
(at St Peter)

Sir.

Indian Agency Station
November 3. 1836

Having submitted your views on the testimony brought to sustain the charge of your having violated the Law on the Subject of Whiskey, and also having seen the Order of Mr. Schoolcraft - I refer you to your Honor's Council of Wisconsin. the proper Superintendent, to whom it would be expedient and proper to communicate. - The evidence of ignorant Canadians ought to be weighed with great Caution, and I take this occasion to say that the Governor will do you every justice - for I am not disposed to believe from ~~what I hear~~ all that I have heard that you could be guilty of conduct that would militate so seriously against your private interests -

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

William A. Attkins Esq
St. Peter - Present

Louis Salasferro

Agency House St. Peter Nov 7th 1836

Colonel

A discharged Soldier by the name of Kelly appears to be so far out of his proper reason as to render it prudent that he be put in a Situation where he will not have it in his power to disturb the peace - Yesterday the wife of "John Kiah" who was lamenting the recent loss of her son, was fallen in with, and beaten by the person referred to. Should "Kelly" in his present State of mind go about the country it is likely he may meet with the loss of his life which of course would be apt to give us additional trouble -

Very respectfully Sir

Your obt Servt

Col William Davenport
U. S. Army -
Commanding Fort Snelling

Louis Salasferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Nov 30. 1836

Hon C. A. Harris
Comm. Indian Affairs

Sir

I have enclosed herewith the Schedule of a treaty which you will be pleased to submit to the President in voluntarily presenting such a paper for consideration. I have had attendance to the views of the Indians as expressed at various times, and finally adopted by them in a manner which seems to require the action of the Department.

This Agency must necessarily become the great rallying point - to give direction, and security to all future intercourse with the North Western, and other neighboring Tribes. Hence it becomes my duty to say - that we cannot too soon give the Senate an interest in the government by entering into a treaty. The Synopsis of which you have before you.

The Country to be ceded is extensive, and from the great quantity of lumber which it contains for building and other purposes - would become an important acquisition to Wisconsin, and greatly promote the sales of the public lands, and finally put an end to the vexatious consequence upon the frequent removals of our Citizens from the Territory.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt Servt

Louis Salasferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

(Note)
Proposed Article

Two Million Eight hundred thousand Acres -
East of the Mississippi - taking all the lands belonging to the Upper & Lower Mississippi and the Surplus - from opposite Iowa River to Saint River

Governor

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Nov 30 1836

I have the honor to submit to you for the information of the President a proposition in duplicate to the Department by the Mecawakanton tribe of Sioux to dispose of all their Lands East of the Mississippi containing more than Two Million Eight hundred thousand acres. —

Should their proposition be met. Two separate Treaties are considered by the Indians to be most satisfactory. — as the Lower, or "Wabishas bands" claim a small portion of the Country to be ceded. beginning at a point opposite the upper Iowa River, & following the line of Bluffs to the mouth of Black River, and thence to a point below the Falls on the Chippewaug. The upper Sioux then commence and follow out their line as marked by May Beard under the Treaty of 1825. to the first River above Saint River, and near seventy miles above this Post. The meanders of the Mississippi to be followed from this to the point of beginning to include the grant proposed. —

A glance at the Map is sufficiently to convince all as to the future importance of this Post to the United States in our efficient government of the Northern, & Western tribes. — An "entering wedge" is now absolutely requisite to secure a stronger interest with the neighboring Sioux, and a timely liberality will seem to us the most happy result. I have some experience, and the Government may yet profit by its applications. —

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Indian Affairs
Elk Grove
Wisconsin

With high respects Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Lau Paliaferro
Indian Agent
at Station

Governor

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Nov. 30. 1836

Nothing of a hostile nature has occurred to mar the tranquility of this Agency since the date of my last monthly report to your office. The various tribes being steadily engaged in their hunts. we may expect little or no difficulty during the present winter. —

With high respects Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Lau Paliaferro
Indian Agent
at Station

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Indian Affairs
at Elk Grove
Wisconsin

Colonel

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Nov. 30 1836

Nothing of a nature calculated to disturb the tranquility of this Agency has occurred since the date of my last monthly report to your office. The various tribes are now engaged upon their hunts in seeming peace and may so continue through the winter. —

Very respectfully Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Lau Paliaferro
Indian Agent
at Station

Col William Leavenworth

U.S. Army

Comd'g 1st Infan. Regt

St. Louis, Fort Snelling

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
 near Fort Snelling Nov. 30. 1836
 Hon Amos Kendall
 P. Master Genl.

Sir

I propose to the Department
 to have the U.S. Mail transported from Fort Snelling to
 Prairie du Chien. a distance of Seven hundred & twenty
Miles going, and returning - once a month or every
 thirty days for the sum of \$1200 - and for twice
 a month or every sixteen days add 900.

Say twice a month \$2100 -

The Mail could not be expected at this time beyond
 twice a month for less than \$3000, or \$3500. which
 would not from the advantages to be derived justify the
 expenditure. - It would be just, and entirely satis-
 factory to the Civil and Military of this district,
 to receive the mails regularly twice every month
 through the year. The public interest would then be
 guarded, and efficiently secured in every public
 as well as private point of view.

The Thermometer ranges from 12° to 30° below zero.
 most of the winter. which renders travelling both diffi-
 cult, and dangerous from this Post to Prairie du Chien

With high respect, Sir
 Your most Obedt Servt

Law Saliaferro

(Contract for 3 years)

Colonel

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
 Upper Mississippi Decr 12 1836

The Commanding Officer on this Station (Colonel
 Leavenworth) having requested my views upon the location
 of the contemplated Military Road from Red River to
 the Mississippi under the late act of Congress to be commis-
 sioned for your information as one of the Commissioners
 designated to carry into effect the act aforesaid -

I have in complyance therewith to state that my remarks
 upon this subject will tend to but one or two important
 considerations of policy which will no doubt attract your
 attention as connected with the whole course of the
 route of the Commission on this especially delicate duty -
 1st Not to approach the best hunting grounds of the
 Indians. 2^d As the Road is to touch the Mississippi
 some where between the St. Peter, and the Des Moines. that
 it ought by all means to be brought to bear on some inter-
 mediate positions between Lake Pepin & Prairie du Chien -

You have "Faribault's Prairie" some thirty miles
 from Fort Crawford, and "Cap Faribault" at Faribault River
 but few miles by land from the Upper Iowa. From
 either point the Rovers present a favorable and ready
 outlet to the highlands. You then pass over the Winnebago
 lands, and on a line with the "Neutral ground" cession of
 1830. by the Sauk, Fox and Sioux to the United States -
 leaving the "Forks of the Red Cedar" South. Thence over the
 Sac & Fox country to the "Raccoon fork" of the Des Moines, or
 if desirable to the shores below this point -

The balance of the Route I leave to yourself, and then of more
 judgment, and experience than myself -

Colonel S. W. Kearney
 Command 1st Regt. Dragoons
 U.S. Comm. on this Road
 Fort Leavenworth,

With high respect Sir
 Your most Obedt Servt
 Law Saliaferro
 Indian Agent
 at St. Peter

General

Office of Indian Agency St Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 16th 1836

I enclose herewith duplicate accounts (receipts) for the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars paid to the Upper Medawakanton, Sisseton and Wahpachoota tribes of Sioux & parties to the treaties of August 19th 1825 and the 15th of July 1830 of Prairie du Chien. in full for their ready relinquishment of all former claims by them to the United States. particularly specifying the Shup to be attached to the State of Missouri. and for which object a Convention was held, and called at this Agency on the 30th day of November 1836.

I have drawn a draft at sight on you for the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars in favour of Henry H Sibley Agent of the Am Fur Company which he pleases to pay and charge the amount to the appropriation authorized by Congress for this object.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt Servt

Genl William Clark
Supt. Indn Affairs
at St Louis

Louis Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

Genl William Clark
Supt of Indn Affairs
at St Louis

Sir

Office of Indian Agency St Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 16th 1836

At Sight please pay to Henry H Sibley. Agent of the Am Fur Company - The sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars - value received of him as per letter of Assent of this date.

and oblige your most obedt Servt

\$550.

Louis Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 16 1836

I have the honor herewith to forward Convention in duplicate entered into with the Upper Medawakanton the South Sisseton, & Wahpachoota tribes of Sioux. and parties to the treaties of August 19th 1825, and of the 15th of July 1830. held for the relinquishment of their claims to the Shup of lands on the Missouri &c. under your instructions of the 11th of August last past. owing to the dispersed condition of the tribes the views of the Superintendent could not be fully met sooner than the 30th of November.

With high respect

Sir, your most obedt Servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Indn Affairs
at St James
Wisconsin

Louis Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

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Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Decr 17. 1836

I forward herewith duplicate Abstracts of an Invoice of Agricultural implements received, and delivered to the Upper Mississippi. the South Sapeston and Wahpae Koota Tribes of Sioux Indians under the 21st Art of the Treaty of Peace concluded of the 15th of July 1830 - amounting to four hundred and sixty four dollars, and Seven Cents only - instead of Four hundred and Ninety dollars the Annual allotment to this agency.

With high respect for

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Suprt of the Affairs

at St. Louis

Your most obedt Servt

La Salisferro

Indian Agent

at St. Louis

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Decr 26 1836

Your two letters of the 26th of November have just been received - It affords me no little gratification to find after a Service of nearly Eighteen years in the Department of Indian Affairs - that my humble efforts to preserve peace and good order as well as the faith of the (United States) government with the various conflicting Tribes of Indians in this North Western region has met your approbation and confidence - Understanding as I ought every "Link in the Chain" embracing the political history, and Claims of the Tribes of Sioux, and Chippeways - it is fair to presume that I would take no count with either of their incompat-

ible with a sound discretion, or strict justice and impartiality - So far at least as there could be dealt out in perfect Safety to our frontier and people.

If the most warlike and restless portion of all the Chippeway Nations have become in a measure friendly to the American Name - we have the Misdirected policy of their Agent to thank for it - I take no blame to myself for I state it boldly that if the true condition of this destitute people had been faithfully represented to the Department at Washington by one specially dispatched to the Upper Mississippi in 1832 at a per diem allowance of five dollars for this object - The Chippeways would at this date have been our warmest friends.

All that is now required to become fully reestablished in their confidence, and friendship, and satisfy all interests in connection with their present position with regard to the Sioux Tribes - is, a determined man as their Agent - one who will come prepared to understand in their own Country and direct their varied concerns. Then, and not till then will they cease to complain of Real, and imaginary wrongs.

I have had unparalelled to govern this Tribe up to this date. The total interest of the Country required at my hands the assumption of this responsibility.

I have succeeded, and the result is peace and tranquility to an extent far beyond the most sanguine expectation of every casualist man in the Country - we hear of Murders which occur with the Civilized as well as with the Savage man, and when such claims do take place we can adjust them without the necessity of a general war.

For the limited period which I have allotted for my continuance in this Country - you may

Commands my Services, and the little influence I possess with the Tribes - will be readily exerted to accomplish any important object in connection with the interests of the United States or that of Wisconsin.

With the highest respect for
Your most Obedt Servt

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge
Supt in Affairs
at Elk Point
Wisconsin Territory

Law Salasferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Garrison

Office of Indian Agency (St. Peters)
Upper Mississippi Decr 28. 1836

The hired men of this Agency cannot effectually fulfill the various duties required of them in consequence of the want of provisions, and in the absence of this indispensable article it is known that in a country like the one we inhabit becomes a serious as well as an alarming circumstance.

During the last year 1835 I addressed a letter to the Commissary Genl of Subsistence on this subject, and in his reply he was so kind as to say - "It is made the duty of all Commissaries at the several Posts to dispose of all surplus provisions, and that a preference ought to be given to the persons attached to the public Service."

We were grateful for this accommodation as long as it lasted. but the Troops can and will consume all that may now be in the hands of the Commissary at this Post, and a refusal to supply us has become the necessary consequence of this fact.

in addition to the recent arrival of a detachment of Recruits to fill up the Companies.

Flour is from \$15 to 16 per Barrel Pork \$30. and before the close of January. Money will not procure these necessary means of subsistence at any price.

An Excess of Estimates by the Subsistence Dept to meet this object in connection with the Supplies for Indian Nations now annually made - would satisfy all our wants, and no help to the Government could properly accrue. But should this be objectionable. Then an order to the Officers to dispose of the surplus provisions to any except those persons - Officially connected with the public Service - Sales of damaged stores of course to be excepted. I pray you to take this report into earnest consideration. for it is my belief from what I hear that the Agency will be left without either Black Smiths, or Interpreters near Spring. unless some means can be devised to supply them and their large families in a more certain way than any market of ours ever has or can do. our wood has to be cut and hauled from Eight to ten miles going and returning. This fact in connection with the high price of food is more than a small salary can supply the means of procuring. It is as much as I can do to get on with my pay in any comfort - what must be the situation of men who have but \$250 and \$300 per Annum.

I have known them to subsist on potatoes alone for weeks together - The poor people in this country are compelled to pay at least one hundred & fifty per cent more for all they purchase than the men of capital on this you may rely, as the proof is at hand and on record.

His Excellency

Gov Henry Dodge
Supt of Affairs

Your most Obedt Servt

Law Salasferro
Indian Agent

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 31. 1836

I forward enclosed duplicate Abstracts of
All Appointments drawn for the Quarter ending December
31. 1836 on Lieut James McClure Mil his app for the
Indian Department at Fort Snelling

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Indian Affairs
Elk Horn
Wisconsin Ter

With high respect for

Your most obedt Servt

Louis P. Salasferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 31. 1836

I forward herewith under a reputation
of the Department. Duplicate Abstracts of all Claims
granted at this Agency during the month of
December 1836

With high respect for

Your most obedt Servt

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Indian Affairs
At Elk Horn
Wisconsin Ter

Louis P. Salasferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Sir

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 31. 1836

I enclose herewith the Receipts &c from one
to six on you for the Quarter ending December 31. 1836
Amounting to Six hundred and seventy four dollars
and thirty seven cents under the following heads of
appropriation -

Pay of Agent	\$ 375.00
Pay of Interpreter	75.00
Pay of Black Smith	150
Pay of Shetler	60
Contingent expenses	14.37
Amount	\$ 674.37

Which several sums he pleads to pay to the persons therein
named

Very Respectfully

Your most obedt Servt

Lieut James McClure
Mil his app for Indian Dept
at Fort Snelling

Louis P. Salasferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Colonel

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Decr 31. 1836

The month has closed, and also the year 1836
and not a blood shed in any portion of our extensive
district of Country. The various tribes seem tranquil.

With high respect for

Your most obedt Servt

Lieut William Doniphan
U. S. Army
Comd H. & A. 1st Infanterie
Fort Snelling

Louis P. Salasferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Dec 31. 1836

My monthly report to the Commanding
Officer on this Station states "that December has
closed as well the year 1836, and no blood shed
on any portion of our extensive district of Country
The winter continues as this date to be tranquil" and nothing
has transpired to disturb this peaceful state of
things since the 9th of July 1835

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt. In Affairs
at Elk Grove

With high respect for
Your most obedt Servt -
Saul Pabaferra
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Dec 31. 1836

I forward for the office of Indian Affairs
abstracts in duplicate of Presents made to the
various tribes of Sioux within this Agency during
the year 1836

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt. of Indian Affairs
at Elk Grove
Wisconsin

With high respect for
Your most obedt Servt
Saul Pabaferra
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Jan 12th 1837

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 20th ult, referring to the papers lately enclosed
to your office by me, and relating to the Sioux lands East of
the Mississippi.

Since my report on the conclusion of this Agency
of the 31st of December 1836. I have had information of
an attack by a few of the Wah-pa-koota Sioux on Six
Loupes of the Sac, or Fox Indians near the Des Moines on or about
the middle or last of November. The first information from
this party of twenty five or thirty Sioux after taking credit of
their trader on Cannon River, was their return - having
lost three of their party killed, and as many wounded -
with but one scalp of an elderly Sac Indian.

But more recently by verbal information from Pierre du
Chene it appears that when the Sioux discharged
their pieces at the Loups - some twenty of the Sacs were
killed.

The Interpreter for this Agency is now absent with
a message to the Sioux, & Chippeways on the St. Croix, from
whom little, or no difficulty is anticipated. Yet it is neces-
sary to communicate with both frequently.

His Excellency
Governor H. Dodge
Supt. In Affairs
at Belknap
Wisconsin

With high respect for
Your most obedt Servt
Saul Pabaferra
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Dear Sir-

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Jan 12 1837

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2^d inst. referring to the Suit of Alexis Bailly against me for the Seizure of Whiskey made in July 1834 a few miles below the Post on the Mississippi -

I am disposed to do all I can to prevent him from enforcing on an enlightened Jury, and the quibbles of the Law from an unscrupulous decision in as plain a case as ever occurred under any former act of Congress. - more particularly the one of the 30th of June 1834 on Indian Intercourse

I paid Mr Miller of Galena a retaining fee of Twenty dollars. he has been furnished with my Commission and with the instructions of the President through the Sec of War on the prohibition of Whiskey under the several acts of Congress.

I wish at your suggestion write to Mr Miller to have the cause tried at Prairie du Chien. where you say all the necessary testimony can be had to sustain the legality of the Seizure. of the property as well as of the propriety of the Seizure in question. the act of June 30. 1834 fully meets and sustains - Should the Company lose no more than the expenses & cost of Mr Bailly's present writs and Venue proceedings. you will have done well. for if he had been permitted to have gone on here a few years longer you would not have lost by him less than ten thousands dollars & to get clear of him for ten or twelve thousands dollars. would be but a trifle in comparison to that which on reflection you know might have been lost to the Company - See the

difference now in the affairs of the Company. when under the direction, and management of such a Citizen as Mr. H. H. Sibley - prudent in all his measures of policy in the trade and production of the happy results to his business, and to the interest of the government -

If you are zealous in connection with Mr. Doorman. Mr. Bailly will be defeated as he surely ought to be. - wishing you success & prosperity this New Year. I remain Respectfully yrs

Joseph Rotin Esq
Att. Gen. & Coun.
Prairie du Chien

Law Paleoferra

Dear Sir-

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Jan 12 1837

As the Suit of Alexis Bailly against me is to be tried in May - It has been suggested that if you carry the cause to the Court of Crawford County at Prairie du Chien - you will have all the necessary witnesses in connection with the papers heretofore forwarded. The opposite party are quite indisposed it is said. but with a Jury at Prairie du Chien & the evidence of Messrs Rotin, Doorman & Solcine of the Post. you will with the act of June 30 1834. defeat Mr. Bailly as he ought to be - I cannot see you before Jan or July next, and I may have further business for you in a libel Suit.

Col Benj Miller
Att. at Law
Galena Ill

With high respects
Yours most obedt Serv
Law Paleoferra

Office of Indian Agency Peter
Upper Mississippi January 28 1837

To Benj. Miles Esq
Attorney at Law
Galena. Ill.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress of June 30 1834. I believe that the Suit of Alexis Bailly cannot be tried either in Illinois or the Territory of Wisconsin. There can exception must be taken as to the jurisdiction of either Court - except the District Court of the United States for Missouri - as the offence alleged to have been committed on the property of said Bailly occurred in the Indian Country - and under the laws of the United States, and of consequence his action should have been brought for the Territory west of the Mississippi as attached by the said act of June 1834 to the Judicial District of Missouri.

On seeing, and carefully examining the act on Indian Intercourse referred to - you will be enabled to decide if my position be untenable - at the time of signing the writ & entering into bonds for my appearance - it strikes me that "Iowa County" & "Minnesota point" were inserted - It has been so long since, that at this date I cannot remember -

I refer you also to the 3^d paragraphs under the 2^d Secⁿ of the 3^d Art of the Constitution of the U States as my further opinion on the matter.

Most respectfully
Yours obt Serv
Law Saliaferro

Office of Indian Agency S. Peter
Upper Mississippi January 30 1837.

Governor

As an unexpected report has reached this Post relation to a transfer which is said has been made of all the public property, and Milling establishments at the Falls of St Anthony to S. L. Stambaugh, and others - It has consequently become my special duty to apprise the Department that if such be the case, that it could not have been properly ~~represented~~ advised previous to taking so important a step - One which will so seriously affect the peace and future tranquility of this whole region west of the Mississippi. That I should prove necessary to the vital interest of my Country as well as the interest of the Indians were I to fail to give this - I trust timely information, which he assured calls for the earnest consideration, and favourable attention of the Government, to prevent by all the means ^{that} which the act of June 1834 prescribing -

With high respect
Yours obt Serv

His Excellency
Gov. Henry Dodge
Upper In affairs
Elk River
Wisconsin

Law Saliaferro
Indian Agent
St Peter

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Jan 30 1836

Not until the 15th inst did I become acquainted with the facts of the murder at Red Cedar Lake of a young man a half Breed and Son of Mr. Attkins of Sandy Lake—

The circumstances under which the act was committed does not in my opinion call for official action in this particular case—

From recent statements it would seem that the Chippeway Indians are extremely hostile to Mr. William A. Attkins—and may do him harm.

I feel compelled as there has already been some action as to this individual—to let the subject rest until you have had an interview personally with those of the Nation who may desire his removal from the country—

With high respect
Yours Mo Ott Long

His Excellency
Governor Henry Levee
Super in Affairs
at Elk Point
Wisconsin Ter

Lau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Agency House St. Louis Jan 31 1837

Colonel

The Indians are at this date generally engaged with their medicinal ceremonies— we hear of no difficulties among the tribes during the past month, and nothing worthy of official action has consequently been necessary—

Col William Sauerbrey
U.S.A. Comd'g

Very respectfully Yrs. Mo Ott
Lau Saliaferro

Major

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Feb 2^d 1837

I have to call your attention to my letter of the 20th of September 1836 enclosing the account of Patrick Quinn for occasional services rendered by him as Interpreter in our intercourse with the Chippeway Bands of Indians on the upper Mississippi and its tributary streams— The account referred to was forwarded to your office under an impression that the funds set apart by the office of Indian Affairs had been as heretofore placed in your hands for the specific object— Mr Quinn has not as yet received his claims of sixty four dollars on the despatchment—

With high respect
Yours Mo Ott Long

Lau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Major J. B. Brand
Mil Dir of the Dept
at St. Louis

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi Feby 12th 1837

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several communications of the 2^d of December, and the 2^d and 19th of January past - In reply to yours of the 2^d ultimo. which refers to General Stuart's two letters reporting the attack of the Wahpaukoota Sioux on an encampment of the Fox Indians on the Iowa River in the latter part of November 1836. I had (as will be seen on reference to my letter to your office of the 12th of January) given such information only of the matter now refers to as had been communicated to me. It is now in my power to state explicitly that on or about the 24th of November last. 39 of the Wahpaukoota Sioux headed by their Chief "Tah-sung-a" crossed over the line into the Fox Country and then killed some fourteen, or fifteen of said tribe. But one scalp was taken as the Sioux fled with precipitation after firing two, or three volleys at the Loups - and did not until very recently learn the extent of damage their enemy had sustained.

The loss of the Sioux as before stated was 3 killed and as many wounded.

The causes which lead to this unexpected movement of the Sioux as represented to me by the Chiefs. may be found in the murder of their people in July 1831. Nov 1834. December 1835. and in June 1836. by the Confederated Tribes of the Sacs & Foxes. - Under a reputation of the war Department of the 7th of July 1836. "Wabishai's" band of Sioux was transferred from this, and assigned to the Agency of Prairie du Chien. In November of this year the Fox Indians murdered 8 of this Chiefs people on Root River. That the Sioux attacked the Fox Indians in March 1836 and killed 8 of them - is something new to us in this

Quarter. For about the period now referred to the War Chief of the Lower band (S. Arc) was hunting near the "mutual province" in company with his son and five others - He was attacked while in the act of placing his traps and severely wounded. as also was his son who heard the report of Rippers, and with five of his companions proceeded at once to the spot when he heard the voice of his Father calling for assistance and on being informed of the vicinity of an enemy. The Sioux commenced a reconnoiter of the woods. discovered the Fox Indians when a fight ensued in which three only out of seven, or eight were killed. -

This case has now been referred to, and then noted particularly early - as General Stuart states in his letter to your Excellency of the 22^d of December last - "I apprehend there will be retaliation on the part of the Sacs & Foxes - in despite of all I can do - under the circumstances of the fact as to the Sioux who killed 8. Sacs & Foxes last winter."

I have to add that had the Sacs & Foxes been promptly punished in 1834 for the deliberate murder of the Winnebago on Yellow River and of the Sioux on Root River. The general aspect of affairs would have now been widely different - as it is firmly believed in that event. The Sioux would have rested tranquil to this day under any favorable action of the public authorities. - and that the recent murder of the Winnebago family by the Fox Indians would not in all probability have occurred - Should the Sacs & Foxes deem it expedient to retaliate as it is supposed they may. The Sioux will remain upon their own lands, and if struck upon. They will not be heard to complain.

His Excellency

Gov Henry Dodge

Asst Indian Affairs

Belle Meade

Wisconsin

With the highest respect Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Laud Palfreys

Indian Agent

at St Louis

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi February 25 1837

Since my letter to you of the 20th of January post alluding to the death of Alfred Aitken. which occurred at Red Cedar Lake on the 6th of December 1836 by the hands of a Chippewa Indian. The murderer of young Aitken has been apprehended, and is reported at this Office on the 20th inst in the custody of Mr Morrisson of the Am Fur Company, and several half breeds -

I turned the Indian over to the Commanding Officer (Colonel Davenport) who has placed him in confinement there to await the future action of the Department. -

Letters from the Rev. Wm J Boatwell and Mr Aitken the Father of the half breed killed it would seem that the young man was merely suspected, and that the murder was perpetrated on the part of the Indian. -

With the highest respect for

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Super of the Affairs

at Belle Mont

Wisconsin Ter

Your most obedt

Lau Saliaferro

Indian Agent

at St Peters

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Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi March 12 1837

I have the honor on the 11th inst to receive your several letters of date the 28 & 30 of January and 17th of February. The latter enclosing an Extract of a communication from the Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs relative to the course deemed requisite towards the Wahpachoota Sioux for the attack on the Fox Indians in November 1836. Your desire to be more fully informed of the course of policy heretofore adopted by the Government in preventing and terminating hostilities between the various Tribes of the North and West would lead this Report beyond the limits of this thing -

It may be remarked however that in 1825 our obligations under a general Convention with the Tribes commenced by a promise to aid said Tribes in preserving the peace and in an observance of their established laws and marks. Again in 1830 July the 15th Colonel Morgan delivered the sentiments of the President in connection with Genl Clark to the assembled Tribes of the Sac & Foxes - Sioux, Winnebagoes Menominees &c at Prairie du Chien. In July 1831 the Sacs passed into the Wahpachoota Sioux territory, and there murdered "Tahah Toah" and Gintapa two men much respected by the Sioux, this act of aggression was passed over, as was also in the main the Murder of 28 of the Menemone Indian in sight of Prairie du Chien by these same Sacs and Foxes and for any further causes of dissatisfaction on the part of the Sioux generally as to their own condition from first to last. I beg leave to refer your Excellency to my letter of the 12th of February past, so fully impressed did I become on taking charge of this responsible Agency of the vast importance of terminating the Wars between

the tribes as speedily as practicable that I did in connection with Genl. Clark solicit an interview with the President for my Indians on peace subject. This interview took place in August 1824 at Washington City deputations from the Sioux Chippeways, Menominee Sacs Foxes & Iowas attending. The result of August 1825 at Prairie du Chien was the result of the visit before stated.

The first act of open aggression after the solemn compact of 1825 occurred at this Post in May 1827 the Sioux fired on several lodges of the Sandy Lake Chippeways, in front of the Agency killed two & wounded six others of them, for this outrage Colonel Snelling & myself acted promptly by turning over two of the offending Sioux, & two others a few hours thereafter to the Chippeway Chiefs, & they were executed. Now Sir should the government be prepared to carry out this principle in all cases let it be said, and it will be done - for no other course of policy will do, short of a strong military force in preventing casual conflicts between the Indian tribes - all the ambassadors, & arbutu nots are not yet executed. A war you must have sooner or later with the very Indians we desire to serve. We may hasten our difficulties by any action whatever in the recent matter of the Halk-pac-poota Sioux & Fox affair. - Eighteen ^{years} residence here enables me to say that which may prove of service to the general interest of all Parties, if due weight be ^{but} given to my plain matter of fact statements. Your Excellencies idea of a mounted force on our frontier meets my warmest approbation.

We want five companies on the line of neutral ground from the Mississippi to the Des Moines by way of the forks of the Red Cedar - a depot near "Wabishash" old village or at any suitable point at or above the Upper Iowa with an intermediate Post at or near Red Cedar fork, would be productive of much good by preventing the Sacs & Foxes & Sioux and finally the Winnebagoes from coming in collision, and it is thought under such an arrangement that the latter tribe would consent to move at once, on to Oregon of 1830 - as it would not now be requisite to consult the lower Sioux as to this disposition of the Winnebagoes we have had to fear more from the machinations of interested white traders at Prairie du Chien than any opposition to be anticipated from the Sioux heretofore on the desert ^{of the} government to carry out the plan for the emigration of this tribe West -

The policy heretofore adopted of taking up Indians for committing depredations on each other, and of confining them at our military posts has been productive of much trouble, and great excitement & uneasiness, It is like it is like "darning straws against the wind." It would be prudent to defer any further action in the case of the Sioux & Fox difficulty until the first of June when all the various tribes will be here assembled, or until your further instructions be received prescribing the mode of redress.

redress requests to satisfy the parties concerned under every aspect of affairs as developed in the former acts and history of aggression on either side since the year 1825. I will conclude by remarking that the natural feeling of the Sioux is in direct opposition to any interference on the part of the United States in their recent attack on the Fox Indians, and under all the accumulated circumstances of provocation under which the act of retaliation was committed - it is not seen on what grounds of justice we can base a formal application, or a demand for reparation from the Wahpaukon to Sioux.

With the highest respect Sir
 Your most obedt
 Servt
 His Excellency
 Governor Henry Dodge
 Suprt of Indn Affairs
 at Belle Mont
 Saw Saliaferro
 Man Agent
 at Peter

North Western Agency Peter
 Upper Mississippi March 12/1837
 Governor

You will pardon me for calling your attention particularly to my letter of the 26th of December on the views & feelings of the Chippeways, on the waters of the Upper Mississippi. I have only to add at this time, and as the spring is approaching, that the presence of an Agent here to meet the Indians in question on their arrival at this port is deemed of the first importance. The Agent ought to arrive in the first boat and prepared to ascend at once to Brown Island the means of transportation can be

had here for him and his requisites stores. The confinement of one of the Chippewas in the guard house at Fort Snelling, for the murder of young Withens in December last will add to the unpleasantness of my situation, whereas should their Agent be on the spot all will be satisfaction and perfect harmony.

His Excellency
 Governor Henry Dodge
 Suprt of Indn Affairs
 at Belle Mont
 Wisconsin

With high respect
 your most
 Servt

Saw Saliaferro
 Man Agent
 at Peter

Hon. A. Harris
 Comdr. in Chief
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North Western Agency Peter
 Upper Mississippi March 21. 1837

I have the honor herewith to forward a duplicate of the School report by the Rev. J. D. Stevens of the Am Board of Com. for Foreign Missions for the year 1837. It will be perceived that Eight of the Scholars board in the family of the Missions, and it will require the sum of not less than \$480. in full for their support - as it is believed that \$60. would be barely sufficient to feed cloth, and educate each Scholar per annum - a portion of the Civilization funds might also be beneficially applied in the advancement of the objects of the mission and agricultural establishments contiguous to it.

I cannot but speak in high commendation of the zeal displayed by the whole Mission family and at the last examination the Scholars

in their Advancement more than met my expectations
I hope you will do for our infant establishments
whom you may deem expedient - we want funds - for
without money nothing can be done. —

With the highest respect Sir
Your mo^olt Serv^t
Laud Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Miss. March 21. 1837

Governor.

I have the forward for the Office
of Indian Affairs at Washington - a letter accompanying
the Superintendent of the Mission School Report by the Rev.
J. B. Stivers. for the year 1837. I have had no inform-
ation for some months of the Mission at Lac qui parle
nor of the one recently set on foot at Lake Pepin.
But it is thought that more authentic, and full
statements may be had of all the parties before the
period of making up the next Annual Report under
this head for the information of Congress. —

I am not in favour of Missionary Establish-
ments in the Indian Country - but when there are
set on foot under the sanction of the Department, it
then becomes my duty to foster, and protect the objects
contemplated by every means within my reach. —

His Excellency
Gov Henry Dodge
Supt of the Affairs
for Wisconsin
With the highest respect Sir
Your mo^olt Serv^t
Laud Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Colonel.

Agency St. Peters
Upper Miss. March 31. 1837

I find nothing in relation to our Indian
Affairs to report for the month past. of a nature in any
way calculated to impress us with a belief of any dis-
position on the part of any one of the neighboring
tribes of Sioux, or Chippeways to commit acts of hostility.

I cannot however vouch that you may not
hereafter receive counter information from the Office
at Detroit, or from some part of the State of
Maine, or from Georgia. —

With very high respect Sir
Col William Doniphan
Comd^g 1st Infantry
H. Q. Fort Snelling
Your mo^olt Serv^t
Laud Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi March 31. 1837.

Governor.

Nothing of an official nature has reached this Office
during the present month
"Calculated to impress us with a belief of their having been
any acts of hostility committed by any one of the neighboring
tribes of Sioux, or Chippeways, or in fact any one of these
nations South of us. — I cannot however vouch that you
may not hereafter receive counter information through the
public prints from the Office in Detroit - as has been the
case, and that the "Public Authorities here have failed to
give satisfaction to the Chippeways, & that they are going to war."

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of the Affairs
for Wisconsin
With high respect Sir
Your mo^olt Serv^t
Laud Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Sir

North Western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi March 31 1837

I have enclosed herewith several expensi-
tions drawn on account of current expenses under
Treaty stipulations for the 2^d ending on the 31. day of
March 1837. under the following head of expensures.

	Pay of Indian Agent	\$ 375.00
	" Sioux Interpreter -	75.00
	" Black Smith -	150.00
Treaty	Assistant -	60
	Public Postage	11.56 1/4
Contingencies	Fuel for Indians	20

Total \$ 691.56 1/4

Very respectfully

Your most obedt Servt

Louis Paliapero

Indian Agent

At St Peter

North Western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi March 31. 1837

Governor.

I forward herewith enclosed duplicate
Abstracts of all expensures drawn on Lieut James McClure
Military Aid for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling
for the 2^d ending on the 31. day of March 1837.

With high respect

His Excellency.

Governor Henry Dodge

Supr of the Affairs

for Wisconsin

Your most obedt Servt

Louis Paliapero

Indian Agent

At St Peter

Sir

North Western Agency at St Peter
Upper Mississippi March 31. 1837

I have under a reputation of the Department
herewith furnished the official Contract entered into on the
30th inst. with Richard & Welch of Tennessee - as Farmer, and
instructor in Agriculture for the Sioux - parties to the Treaty of
Peace du Chien of the 15th of July 1830. & under the 4th Art of the
Same -

Very respectfully

Your most obedt Servt

Louis Paliapero

Indian Agent

At St Peter

Lieut James McClure
Military Aid for Indian Dept
at Fort Snelling

Governor.

North Western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi April 1st 1837

Under a reputation of the Department I have
herewith furnished ~~for~~ consideration the official Contract
entered into on the 30th inst. with Richard & Welch of
Tennessee as Farmer, and instructor in Agriculture
for the Sioux under the 4th Art of the Treaty of July the
15th 1830. The Indians having agreed to subtract the sum
of \$180. per annum from the sum allotted for the
purchase of Agricultural implements. Cattle &c I have
delivered a copy of the same to Lieut James McClure
Military Aid for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling -

With high respect

Your most obedt Servt

Louis Paliapero

Indian Agent

At St Peter

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Supr of Ind Affairs

for Wisconsin

Dear Sir

Agency House St Peter
April 5th 1837.

I thank you for the Report of your visit to, and inspection of the Mission School at Lake Marquette on the 1st inst. - which has just been received -

I adopt fully your sentiments, and views as expressed in the paper referred to, and will take the earliest opportunity of forwarding it to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs after recording a copy for this Office -

I will show you at some convenient moment my former correspondence on this subject with the Department of Indian Affairs at Washington -

With high respect Sir

Yours most obedt

Law Palfaffer

Henry H. Sibley Esq
Asst Com for Ind
New Hope
Near St Peter

North western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi April 6 1837

Governor.

I enclose herewith a Report of the condition and prospects of the Sioux Mission School at the 2^d examination of the pupils of this institution on the 1st inst. and prepared at my request by Mr. H. H. Sibley -

The Missions to the Indians within this Agency are not supported in whole, or in part by the funds of the Government, and I may add that no matter, Countenance I may give to the exertions of the zealous persons now labouring in aid of the intellectual advancement of the heathen Savage in this region of the North West. The want of ample funds & the total absence of manual labour in connection with the deficiency of good interpretations

will for years to come render extensive usefulness in the cause of humanity, & human improvement both precarious and uncertain and consequently more or less discouraging to the best friends of the System -

Procastination is certain destruction to any views we may set on foot for the amelioration of the condition of the Indians - what we resolve ought to be done quickly -

His Excellency

Governor A. Dodge

Asst In Affairs

Belle Mead

With the highest respect Sir

Yours most obedt

Law Palfaffer

Indian Agent

at St Peter

General

North western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi April 19 1837

I received on the 18th inst a letter from the 2^d Auditor of the Treasury calling for an Abstract of Payments delivered & for Agricultural implements distributed to the Sioux in the year 1835 - Duplicates of the former were transmitted to your office on the 30th of Sept 1835 and also Duplicates of the latter returned on the 1st of the same month - The Payments as rec^d of May Beach and delivered amount to \$550.15 - but the amount of the distribution of the Agricultural implements was not correct out as is now fully explained in my letter of transmittal of the 1st of Sept 1835. Be pleased to forward as soon as practicable the Duplicates required at the Treasury Dept. that the Balance found against me may be liquidated. Genl William Clark There the honor is
Asst In Affairs
at St Louis

Law Palfaffer
U.S. Agent

Sir

North Western Agency (Peter
Upper Mississippi Apr. 19 1837)

Your letter of the 17th of February came to hand on the 18th inst. by which I am apprised of the absence from your office of my Abstracts of Presents delivered and of agricultural implements distributed to the Sioux for the year 1835 and also the same of \$1.40^c overpaid to the Apistans. B. Smith.

As I have never failed at any period of my official connection with the Department in the prompt rendition of all official papers through the designated Channels. - I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of my letter to the Sup^t of Indian Affairs at Lewis - requesting him to forward the required Vouchers to your office. -

In Settlement of the sum of \$1.40. I beg leave to refer you to the Account of Joseph Busch for the 8th ending September 30th 1836 as settled with Lewis James McClure Mil his As^t for Indian Department at Fort Snelling. -

With very high respect
Your M^t ob^d Serv^t

Major William B. Lewis
2^d Aud^t Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Law. Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peter

Governor

North Western Agency (Peter
Upper Mississippi Apr. 19 1837)

I had the honor yesterday to receive your very acceptable favour of date the 26th of February with two official communications of the 20th & 28th of the same month. - The interest you take in the Affairs of the Indians of the North West, and now within your Superior tendency does equal honor to your heart, & head. -

I fear I am broken down in the Service of the Dept. - yet as long as I remain in it - you may rely on my zeal, and best exertions to meet your views. -

We look with considerable anxiety for your contemplated visit to this Post, and that you will bring with you the Sub Agent for the Chippeways of the Upper Mississippi. - I beg, and implore of you not to let these miserable people have to complain of neglect after this Spring. - It would be of incalculable benefit to the operations of the Department, & render you extremely popular with the Chippeways. Should you cause an Acty Sub Agent (should no Agent be appointed) to go to the contemplated Seat of the new Sub Agency with \$500 or more worth of presents and commens building. - There will be at least six hundred Chippeways at this Post in May and June. - to meet you and their new As^t.

I regret that my health is so bad that I cannot at this time write as fully as it is my earnest desire to do. I have not seen a single day since the 14th of February. -

The Suit of Alexis Bailly against me for the Seizure of Whiskey made on board of a Keel Boat in his charge in July 1834 will be for trial at the May Term of the Territorial Court at Mineral Point. My Attorney Mr Benjamin Mills is now being sick.

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in Philadelphia - so writes Mr Hope of Galena - his partner
I fear that what with ill health - The press of business
here, & the short time now to the meeting of the Court - any
leave of absence would be of little avail
in enabling me to give personal attention to this wild
and vindictive proceeding of Mr Bailly.

I will write to Mr Hope and refer him to the
Orders & papers heretofore transmitted to Mr Miles and
request his attention to this business as he writes for
information

With the highest respects for
I am your most obedt

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Suprt of the Affairs

for Wisconsin

Law Paliopero

Indian Agent

(At St Peters)

P.S.

It may be proper to state that a Mr
McCloud arrived at this ^{with a party} Post on the 17th inst from
the Red River Colony - on his route, and 70 miles
beyond Lac Travers two of his companions
a Mr. Parry a Pole, and Mr. Hays an Irish
Gentleman died from cold - being lost during
a violent storm of snow in March. Mr. McCloud
& his guide used every exertion to save their
fellows and were near forfeiting their
own lives in the attempt. Mr. McCloud remains
for a Steam Boat -

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North Western Agency St Peters
Upper Mississippi April 19 1837
J P Hope
Attorney at Law

Galena - Ill

Your favour of the 18th of March
was received at this office yesterday informing me of
the illness and absence of Mr. Miles - to whom I gave a
retaining fee of \$20. to defend a wild and vindictive
suit brought against me for the seizure under my
orders of several Barrels of Whiskey (immorally by
Horatio Grooms Sub Agent) on board of a Reel Boat in
charge of said Bailly an Indian trader on or about
the 22nd of July 1834 in the Indian Country some
twenty five or thirty miles below this Post (Fort Snelling)

You will please conclude the business on the letter
and papers heretofore forwarded to Mr. Miles - I desire
that the cause may be tried at Prairie du Chien in May
when all the witnesses can be had, and when you can
get the acts of Congress of June 30 1834 of the Officer
Commanding at Fort Crawford and in charge of the Indian
Department at that place - You can subpoena
Joseph Rotter, and Hercules L. Dousman, and other
persons will give you the names of several soldiers
who accompanied the Sub Agent at the time he made
the seizure in question much useless expense, and
trouble will be saved by the suit being tried as
suggested & the chance of defeating Mr. Bailly is
certain - I wish you to consult with Mr. Rotter
whose company are mainly interested in the defeat
of Bailly who had a large amount of their property
in charge at the time Mr. Grooms defeated
his plan of smuggling whiskey into this country
to debauch and corrupt the Indians and to
endanger our frontier settlers as has been the
case on two or three different occasions

previously - so bad had this man become by his acts - that to prevent further certain evil to our whole line of frontier - I was compelled from a just sense of what was due to our enterprising fellow Citizens and to the Indian tribes to order him out of the Indian trades and would not let him hold further intercourse with the Agency -

I expect my fellow Citizens of Wisconsin to bear me out in all acts that may seem to them proper for the safety of the Country -

I remain very respectfully

Your most obedt

Laurens P. S. S. S.

Indian Agent

(at St. Louis)

North Western Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi April 20 1837

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th of February was on the 18th inst received enclosing a Check on the Com Bank of Cincinnati a \$1000 for the sum of Twenty four dollars in favour of Patrick Quinn for services rendered as occasional Interpreter for the Chippewas which sum has been paid as requested by you. -

The Mail has just with forwarded a Copy of the Contract entered into with C. C. C. as Treaty Smith for the Sioux when the Department will be informed that the sum of \$600. for Ann St. Louis to be paid him in full of his pay, and for the use of his Shop and tools and for supplying supplies charcoal to carry on his labouring

which is deemed to be the best arrangement of a similar nature in the whole Department -

With very high respects

I am Dear Sir

Major J. B. Beards

U. S. Army -

(Mail sent off for the Dept)

(at St. Louis)

Your most obedt

Laurens P. S. S. S.

Indian Agent

(at St. Louis)

North Western Agency St. Louis

Upper Mississippi April 20 1837

Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Stoge stating that Mr. Miller who had been retained to defend the suit instituted by Mr. Bailly - left some time since for the recovery of his health, and that he now being settled in Philadelphia - Mr. Stoge (as partner of Mr. Miller - but not in the case in question) has been requested to attend to this business on the Orders & papers heretofore forwarded to Mr. M. - and move to have the case tried at Peau du Chien - when he would act as Counsel, and therefore find all the needed testimony - As the Company is mainly interested in the defeat of Mr. Bailly's will, and and unductive suit prosecution, -

I have done every thing and am still willing to do any thing calculated to ensure success - I have requested Mr. Stoge to consult with you in the further progress of this case. -

I remain very respectfully

Your most obedt

Laurens P. S. S. S.

Joseph R. R. R.

Asst Am Fur Off

Peau du Chien

Sir

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi April 25. 1837.

I have the honor herewith to furnish the Abstracts required in your letter of the 17th of February which did not come to hand until the 13th inst. -

My letter of the 19th of this month was addressed to you with a copy of one to the Suprt of Indian Affairs to show that this office had not been inattention in its official duties, and that the Abstracts of Presents delivered, and of Agricultural implements distributed to the Indians during the year 1835. had been forwarded in September of that year through the customary channels of communication under the regulations of the Department.

With very high respects Sir
Your most obt Servt -

Sau Pahiaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Major William B Lewis
2^d Audy Treasury
Washington D.C.

Colonel

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi April 30. 1837.

So far as this office has information nothing of a hostile nature has occurred during the month past on the part of any one of the Indian tribes, and their affairs stand as on the date of my last report of the condition of this Country -

Colonel William Davenport
U. S. Army.
Comd 1st Infantry
At Ft. Snelling

With high respects Sir
Your most obt Servt
Sau Pahiaferro.
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi May 12th 1837.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Comm^{rs} from your office of date the 1st 4 & 7th of Apr past. Mr. Atkinson left this Post yesterday with the Chippeway Indian lately in confinement here for the murder of Son in December last - I fear the course which Mr. A. is about to pursue since this melancholy event will be likely to change the feelings as well as the political condition of the Chippeways of Lake Superior, and render them not only more hostile to him but also to the United States by eventually causing them people to seek protection, and support from the British trading Posts - The Lake Superior Post is now in course of removal, or rather withdrawal, also the one at Red Cedar Lake, & perhaps others - And a fortification commenced for Mr. A.'s concentration of force & better security - at Sandy Lake - I am satisfied that it would be improper for him to remain longer in the Indian country

With very high respects Sir
Your most obt Servt -

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi May 24 1837

I have just received a letter from Mr. Boutwell - a resident at Leech Lake - confirming a report which had a few days previous reached this Office by way of the Station - of some little difficulty below Otter tail Lake between a small party of Sioux, and Chippeways. -

The Sioux - Seven in number discovered a lodge of the Pileagus Indians encamped at the "Pelican Lake" a considerable distance within the Sisseton Sioux boundary - in the early part of April on which they fired and retreated - having killed but one person out of eight Chippeways in the lodge - shortly thereafter the Pileagus young men pursued the Sioux, and brought into Leech Lake two scalps - one of the Sioux as I am informed was also severely wounded but escaped.

Of this matter I presume neither party will be disposed to complain - as both are equally to blame.

The Chippeways for being on Sioux land contrary to express injunctions often repeated - & the Sioux for firing on their lodge & killing our man. -

I have the honor to be
With very high respects

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge

Supt. Ind. Affairs

for Wisconsin

Your most obedt Servt

Saml. P. S. S. S.

Indian Agent

at St. Peter

Governor,

Office of North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi May 30. 1837.

The Yankton Sioux of Lac Traverse - about Eighteen days since - in a conflict with the Assinaboins or Stone Indians killed Eighteen of them and made prisoners of one woman, and three children. - It is likely that the Sioux & Chippeways on the Otter tail Lake border may again come in contact during the present summer.

With very high respects for

Your most obedt Servt

Saml. P. S. S. S.

Indian Agent

at St. Peter

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Supt. of Ind. Affairs

for Wisconsin

North Western Agency at St. Peter

Upper Mississippi May 31. 1837

Colonel

Since the difficulty of April last at the Pelican Lake on the Sioux lands - in which two Sioux & one Chippeway was killed - The Yankton Sioux of Lac Traverse about eighteen or twenty days since in a conflict with the Assinaboins or Stone Indians - killed Eighteen of them and made prisoners of one woman, and three children. -

The Sioux & Chippeways may again come in contact on the Otter tail Lake border in the course of the present summer.

A convention was held with the Chippeways last winter on the S. River - by Atkins, Warren & others of the Am & they embracing a ten year exclusive permission to cut pine lumber erect saw mills &c. - which fact has caused suspicion & considerable excitement with these people. -

Leol William Davenport

U.S. Army

Coro. Fort Snelling

With high respects Yr. obedt Servt

Saml. P. S. S. S.

Indian Agent &c

Sir

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 3. 1837

Your letter of date the 18.th of May enclosing several invoices, and receipts for business, and Treaty stipulations for this Agency for the year 1837 have just been received.

I herewith enclose to your office my duplicate receipts for all the articles in the several bills & parcels enumerated - and it may be proper to add, that the precautions taken in the Stamp on the most valuable samples of all goods intended for the Indians as noticed by you - is not only thought full - but also judicious, and proper for observance in such cases -

With high respect Sir

Your most obt. Servt

Sau Pahioferro

Indian Agent

At St. Louis

Capt E. A. Hetchcock

With his Off for Ind: Dept

At St. Louis

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 10 1837

Captain

I enclose herewith my receipts for two Sorrel horses, and two work Oxen delivered to me this day by Mr. Wells on account of Agricultural Stipulations with the Medawakantew - Supton and Wahpaukoota tribes of Sioux Indians under the 4.th Art of the Treaty of July 15. 1830.

The Horses are small a little over age, and one has an eye entirely destroyed - The Cattle are badly matched and very light, and I think that one hundred, and seventy dollars would be a liberal price for the whole.

Capt E. A. Hetchcock

With his Off Ind: Dept

At St. Louis

With high respect Sir
Your most obt. Servt

Sau Pahioferro

Indian Agent

At St. Louis

Governor

North Western Agency Station

Upper Mississippi June 12.th 1837.

Your letter of the 4.th of May was received on the 2.nd inst. this month giving the views & measures to effect a peace on a more permanent basis between the Sacs & Foxes and Sioux - The above tribes were in General Council at this Agency on the 10.th inst. at payment of Annuity - when I took occasion to enquire upon the tribes resident on the Plains - the intentions of the President as to peace, and that by no means should they now go further in their bloody warfare - as it was the intention of their great Father to give an invitation to the Wahpaukoota & Supton Sioux, and the Sacs & Foxes - to the seat of government this year - They met the Council with thought full consideration and a proper feeling, and after detailing all the facts in the history of the rise & progress of their difficulties with their old enemies - They desired me to say to you for the information of the President that "They were ever ready to do what he thought best for his children - & that should the Sacs & Foxes remain quiet, and not strike this summer they would at the appointed time give me an answer."

With high respect Sir
Your most obt. Servt

Sau Pahioferro

Indian Agent

At St. Louis

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Doerg

Supt of Ind: Affairs

for Wisconsin

Governor

North Western Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi June 14th 1837

Several hundreds of the Sons of the
different tribes - between the 9th and present inst have been
at this Post nearly all of whom have returned to their
homes - Several detachments of the Chippewas also
have arrived and departed and others more nu-
merous are expected.

Treaty stipulations have been fulfilled
with the Sioux - I regret that you could not
have been with us during the past week - as we
had Indians from all quarters.

His Excellency

With high respect for

Your most Obedt Servt

Sau Paliawero

Indian Agent

St. Peter

Office Indian Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi June 17 1837

Dear Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 17th inst requesting
to be furnished with a copy of your Bonds of indemnity &
forth coming - given to secure the U. States & myself against
any suit brought by Alexis Bailly or any other person or persons
whatsoever for the delivery up to you as Agt of the Am & Coy
Six Barrels of Whisky - the property of J. Compz & in charge
of said Bailly on or about the 22nd day of July 1834 in the Indian
Country - is herewith forwarded. - It is impossible unless
a jury may lose sight of all Law, equity & justice - that Mr B.
should succeed in a matter in which he has had no right
to interfere -

Joseph Rotelle Esq
Agt. Am. F. Coy
St. Louis

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Sau Paliawero

Governor

North Western Agency St. Peter
Upper Mississippi June 19th 1837

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
instructions of the 5th inst by Mr. Vineyard also other letters enclosing
a copy of the regulations of the Department by mail -

Mr. Vineyard leaves on tomorrow for Leech Lake & will
take Sandy Lake in his route returning again to this Post.

It seems most proper for him (the Agent) to take this course
both for Expedition, and the expectations of the Indians, and with all
his ~~expectations~~ exertion he cannot more than reach this Agency
by the 20th of July carrying out the views and plan of the Commission
fully - It will be my duty voluntarily to render every aid
in producing a speedy & full attendance of the Chippewas as
I have known them for the last eighteen years -

I assure you that no exertion will be wanting on
my part to render safe conduct to the Chippewas - both
in coming to, and returning from this Post to their homes
and while here they shall be protected -

With the highest respect for

Your most Obedt Servt

Sau Paliawero

Indian Agent

St. Peter

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Leavenworth

Supt. Ind. Affairs

at Mineral Point

for Wisconsin

N.B. The Chippewas 1480 in no case around a treaty made
were protected while here, & all depredations in person
& 750 were quietly & without the loss of a man

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 19th 1837

Some preparations for the convenience of the
Commencement in communicating with the Indians on
your arrival here induces me to ask - at what distance
from the Fort you may desire to hold Council with them?

Two points offer all the necessary facilities - high & dry
and contiguous to water - first at the Agency 1/4 of a mile
and under the furs of Fort Snelling. 2^o Camp Cold Water
3/4 of a mile from my residence and the Fort. where the
Chippewas of late years have pitched their Loops -

A Bowery would be proper it seems, and
an extensive one - from better exposed only would be
incurred. I have touched upon these matters in case
you may deem it expedient to give further instructions
With very high respect Sir

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge

Supt. Ind. Affairs

for Wisconsin

Your most obedt Servt

Lau Saliagerro

North Western Agency Station

Upper Mississippi June 19th 1837

Dear Sir
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Indirectly I have it that Mr. Newell
who has passed several months in my family intends
presenting a copy of his highly interesting Map of the
Upper Mississippi and its tributary waters - its sources &
those of Red River of the North - to the Secretary of War

I only regret that he could not have remained
to have completed the tour west & South west
from this Post - we want information when

to locate our Indians west of the Mississippi - as no
man is better calculated than Mr. N. to answer this
or any other object of a Scientific nature desired by the
Government - I know well understand the Character
of my guest - he is so well known in the Scientific world
that he would not seek employment, nor would he
be second to any man of his note than himself -

He is deeply interested in the institutions, and
Government of the United States - and I write
merely that the Supt may understand what his
Sentiments are deemed to be - and without his
knowledge of this Communication -

I believe Mr. Newell will be in Washington
by way of the Lakes in November

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Lau Saliagerro

North Western Agency Station 1837

Upper Mississippi June 20th

Governor

I have the honor herewith to forward a copy of
the Remarks, and decisions of the Chiefs at the Annual
payment on the 10th inst. - The originals of which paper will
be furnished the Superintendent by the Vice Agent for
Indian Dept at Fort Snelling in connection with his own
accounts of that date - Duplicates of the distributions
of Agricultural implements delivered to the Sioux for
the year 1837, ^(not complete) are also enclosed under the 21st art of
the Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830 -

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge

Supt of Ind. Affairs

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Lau Saliagerro

Vice Agent
at Station

North Western Agency St. Peters
Hon. C. A. Harris & Co. Upper Miss. & Upper June 22^d 1837
Comm. In Affairs

Sir, ^{under the regulations for pay}
ment of Annuitants, I have the honor herewith to
forward a paper containing the decisions of the
Indians, as to what they desire their annuity
paid in 1838. Signed, and attested as true for
myself.

With high respect Sir
Your most Obedt Servt.

Lau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Agency House St. Peters
June 27th 1837

Colonel

It was reported a few days past that an
old man at the Little Crow Village had broken out with
the Small Pox. I supposed it possible he might have
been poisoned in copying the words as is often the
case. but this morning James came up in haste
to report that two others had been attacked
in the same way, and a third complaining -

The symptoms are - high fever, watery blisters
on the face & body - which terminate in ulcerated
scabs. leaving indelible impressions -

I report these facts to you as it is my duty.
that you in your judgment may act upon it -

With high respect Sir
Your most Obedt Servt.

Col. William Sorenson
Comd'g Fort Snelling

Lau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Miss. & Upper June 30 1837.

I have the honor herewith to enclose for the in-
formation of the Office of Indian Affairs. Abstracts in duplicate
of all Licenses granted at this Agency during the month of June
1837. which are respectfully submitted for the consideration
of the Department -

With high respect Sir
Your most Obedt Servt.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of In. Affairs
At Menace Point

Lau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Colonel

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Miss. & Upper June 30 1837

On the close of this month my report is tendered
officially as heretofore on the condition of this Agency - which
seems to have been tranquil as to wars between the tribes
since my last communication on this subject.

A ³⁰⁰detachment of the Chippewas are at this Post, and
will remain for the general Council to be held on the
20th of July with a portion of this Nation. -

A respectable man of the detachment referred
to died on the 27th inst, and was buried at the Agency
Council House - near the bones of his Father. -

Colonel William Sorenson
U. S. Army
Commanding
Fort Snelling

Very respectfully Sir
Your most Obedt Servt.
Lau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

Governor.

North Western Agency Peters
Upper Mississippi June 30 1837

The month of June having closed my
my official report as heretofore on the condition of this
Agency is respectfully submitted. The tribes seem to have
been tranquil as to their wars since the date of my
last communications on this subject.

A small detachment of the Sandy Lake Chippewas
with a few from other sections of their country having
arrived at this Post - they will remain for the general
Convention on the 20th of July. - A respectable man
of this party died on the 27th inst, and I had him
decently interred near the Agency Council house and
by the bones of his father. at his particular request.

Several hundreds of the various tribes
with several detachments of the Chippewas have resorted
to this Agency on business during the past month.

I apprehend more difficulty in our arrangements
for the benefit of the tribes - from increased free
white Indians - than from any other source.

With high respect Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge
Supt of Ind. Affairs
at Mineral Point

For Wisconsin

Law Patiaferro

Indian Agent

at Peters



Governor

North Western Agency Peters
Upper Mississippi July 1st 1837

I transmit herewith the Abstracts in duplicate
of all Requisitions drawn on Lieut James McClure Mail de
Agent for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling - for the 2^d ending
June 30 - 1837 - which have been presented, and remains
unpaid - for want of funds in his hands to meet the current
expenses of this Agency for the year 1837.

With high respect Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Supt of Ind. Affairs

at Mineral Point

Wisconsin - Terr.

Law Patiaferro

Indian Agent

at Peters



Sir

North Western Agency Peters
Upper Mississippi July 13th 1837

On Saturday the 8th inst a detachment of some thirteen
foreigners from Montreal arrived at this Post by way of Lake Superior
the Barren Woods, and St. Croix Rivers in the Indian Country, and landed
at your place. Since when I have been expecting a call at this office
by some one of the party referred to with an explanation of their
views, and intentions - or to produce their Authority for thus travelling
in the Indian Country. - I have persuaded that these persons were for
the use of the Am Fur Cops Trade in this Dept - having so heard from them
It is a prompt report & a compliance with the Law on the part of the
Agent of the Cops - at this Post would relieve this office of embarrassm
ent on points of duty rendered obligatory by the regulations of
the Department.

Very respectfully
Your most Obedt Servt
Law Patiaferro
Indian Agent
at Peters

Very respectfully
Your most Obedt Servt
Law Patiaferro
Indian Agent
at Peters

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency at St. Louis
Upper Mississippi August 2^d 1837

Under a standing reputation of the Department
I have the honor herewith to submit duplicate Abstracts of
Returns printed at this Agency during the month of July
1837.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of India Affairs
(at Mineral Point)

With high respect
Yours M^t O^b L^t
Samuel P. Hays
Indian Agent
(at St. Louis)

Governor.

Office of Indian Agency at St. Louis
Upper Mississippi August 6th 1837

I hasten to inform you by Express of further
difficulties between the Sacs & Foxes, and the Wah-pa-kootes
Sons of this Agency. From all the facts I can learn the
Sacs were attacked by the Sacs near the Des Moines
on or about the 25th of July, and continued through
one night, and until noon the following day. When
the Sacs, ^{Sons} situated with the loss of Eleven men known
to have been killed, and from their exposed situation
they must have had a large number wounded. —

The Sacs have lost Eleven men women, & children
killed, and Seventeen wounded. Several badly —
The Sacs compute the number of their enemies at
Seventy to Eighty. and to do the latter justice should
any be deserved. They fought with great valor as
several of them were killed in the very midst
of the Sacs encampment.

I fear this contest between their old
enemies may impress if not defeat our

Plans of forming deputations for Washington
under your letter of instructions of the 2nd inst -
With best respects Sir

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Sup^r of Ind Affairs
at Mineral Point
Wisconsin

Your most obt Serv^t
Saml Palfreys
Indian Agent
at St Peter

North Western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi June 18. 1838

Governor,
The enclosed copy of a letter from the Rev
J. S. Williamson of Lac qui parle of date the 28th
of April past will detail to the Department the foul
and premeditated attack of a few of the Sandy Lake
Chippewas and the murder in cold blood of thirteen
Sioux men women and children on their own lands
on the night of the 12th of April past. The original of
J. S. Williamson's letter by some unaccountable circum-
-stance did not reach this office until yesterday. As soon
as the news of the difficulty before referred to reached
me I communicated with the Agent of the Chippewas
Mr. Vinyard who is now in the upper country and will
cause to be restored to her friends the Sioux woman
taken away a prisoner on the 12th April by the Sandy Lake
Indians.

The general aspect of affairs here from various
known causes are not of the most friendly cast and
we are not in a condition to resent the slightest insult.

His Excellency
Gov. Henry Dodge
Sup^r of Ind Affairs
at Mineral Point
Wisconsin

With very high respect Sir
Yours most obt Serv^t
Saml Palfreys
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Sir

Office N Western Agency St Peter
Upper Mississippi August 18th 1837

Having been ordered to Washington with
a delegation of the Wahpaukoota. Suspectas Wahpaukoota and
Medawallantaw tribes of Sioux Indians, and being on
the eve of departure - I resign temporarily the office
and duties of Agent of Indian Affairs to your charge
during my short absence from this Post on the impor-
tant trust confided to me - You will have no official
reports or Estimates to render for this or the ensuing
year under the deputations of the Department - Then
than Quarterly Requirements from the 1st of July on
account of pay &c -

I have been compelled to take the regular
interpreter with me, and you will be pleased to
appoint a temporary one from the 1st of Sept
until the return of Mr. Scott Campbell with
the delegation - The public property is two stone
buildings near the Fort attached to the Agency by order
and by assignment - Oliver Carter & Joseph Reasch
are the treaty smiths - R. D. Welch farmer for the
Indians and in the event of the latter leaving
I have intended to assign Mr. Samuel Pond of
Lake Starvation to that duty - The Books & files of the
office are clear, and explicit, and I trust you
will find readily all that may enable you
to discharge the duty without any embarrassment.

On the score of public ^{duty} as well as private friendship I
feel confident of your willingness to discharge the
various duties of the Office for me -

With high respects Sir
Your most obt Serv^t
Saml Palfreys
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Capt M. Scott -
Comd^g Fort Snelling

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Sept 1837

I have the honor herewith to enclose the following Returns, and Abstracts for the year 1837, including also Estimates, and Requisitions for the current year next 1838—

1. A list of all persons employed at this Agency
2. The Post office & Site of the Agency Buildings
3. Estimates yearly & Semiannuals—
4. A genl Abstract of All Licenses granted
5. All Requisitions for Treaty stipulations
6. Statistical Returns of Indians Location &c
7. Abstract of all presents to Indians

All which are respectfully submitted

With high respecting

Your most obt Servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Sept Ind. Affairs
At Mineral Point
Wisconsin

Scutabaferr
Indian Affairs
At Station
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Don C. A. Harris
Cora Ind Affairs
Sir

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 24th 1837

Of the Government of the United States has decided to give up the direction, and control of the Indian tribes into the hands of irresponsible Agents, and others in connection with the American Fur Company—It may not perhaps be proper in one of its lawful Agents to interfere.—

Yet once more, and for the last time I make an effort to enlighten the Dept. before the evil long in progress becomes one of such vast ramifications, and magnitude as to exceed in strength, and influence the "Great Bank of the United States". This Company is becoming a giant, and in full array against the Government—its acts that concerns the welfare of our Indian relations—our treaties with the tribes, or the control of its Agents over their conduct and actions under the laws of Congress—

I warn you Sir. That for many years recently, and at length openly we have undoubted facts more than corroborations of the unwarrantable state which I shall now deliver—It has been asserted and put forth as a stopper to a full development of truth as to the malice practices of many of many of the Agents of this Company that "I am hostile to said Company" which gratuitous charge has no foundation in reality—Any thing to strike the first blow—the thrust has been made—and it is my duty to parry it—That the cause of truth of justice and humanity to the tribes may be made apparent as well as a future check to gross frauds upon the Treasury heretofore committed and surely in a train of continuance so long as an Indian remains to be corrupted, or threatened into acquiescence to their diabolical plans of procuring goods out of their hunts, and mainly from the proceeds of the sales of their lands to the United States.—I ask but a candid review

Review of all our Indian Treaties. and several historical facts attending the framing of the same. to place the Grant charged on a fixed and solid foundation. - An abundance of material facts are in my possession and preserved for future use, and collected in the course of some Eighteen years in the Dept. which go to develop the means and plans as well as the general course of policy of the Company in question to break down all competition in the trade, and to enslave the poor Indian body and mind to their dictatorial will.

In all this they have even sought and expected the cooperation of the public Authorities. and when not obtained they have been threatened with the revocation of the Company and with removal from office &c. &c. The Astor Medals are in high vogue at this state and taking precedence of those of the President of the United States. - Chips are made and flaps and Medals presented. and for what objects in connection with their trade than this course of policy is and has long been pursued to a greater extent with the Chippewas than any other tribe has been felt in all recent Treaties of Affairs by the tribes to the United States.

The Agents of the Am & Cpy slip out of the course of their lawful business to form one or abandon a portion of our Indian territory on Red River (for some £200 Sterling per Ann to the Hudsons Bay or Red River Colony authorities - it is said that a Mr Williams. A. Atkins enters into this arrangement some three or four years since - also to enter into secret conventions with the Huron & Chippewas for a term of years for districts of pine country on the St. Lawrence and Chippewa Rivers. to take grain contracts and buy lands yet undisposed

of - of half Breeds in the Indian country and offer new aids to Indians to prevent competition by any one out of the pale of their own Company - The Chippewas are told by Mr. Atkins that they shall have no trade but at a fixed point and at one expressly fortified for his own security. that the Agent of the United States shall locate at his post Sandy Lake and that all the bands of Chippewas far & near shall resort to him alone for supply. The authority of the United States & its officers is set at naught with the Indians of his district and they are told that he alone reigns "Sachem - Sachem Lords" over them and their country. - In this man a Scotchman and one only out of the many foreign Agents attached to the Am & Cpy.

The old Factory System of the United States was discontinued through the influence of this Company and as various as the plans under ^{management} have been for the better security of the Indian in all that might be considered material to his advancement in civilization, and the ordinary comforts of a naturally laborious life - all has failed as yet to be production of any permanent advantage to him - I commend this Report for the purpose of not only stating for your information the foregoing facts - however true might fail in a Court of Justice - in a due course of law. but to show how as well as the measures by which we might rescue the tribes from foreign influence degradation and want - secure their peace & happiness and make them as warmly our friends and adherents as they are now rendered by malice - suspicion of - & hostility to all our plans, and institutions for their government and removal work. (The Factory System ought to be revised under sound & wholesome Regulations, and directed by persons of merchantable experience, and of sound

sounds integrity - to this department might properly be assigned the duty of receiving and storing all Annuities & treaty stipulations for distributions in present agents and military disbursing Agents for the Ind Dept at the proper seasons - This in connection with the business of the trader, and all funds except for the support of the factories to pass through the hands of such officers as the President may designate for that purpose - No Annuity hereafter to be paid in specie - but in goods & stores such articles as the several tribes are known usually to require, and best adapted to their wants - Adopt this plan for the Indians treat them as dependent & helpless children proposing no rule of their own and they would doubtless become a dependent people - Now that we are concentrating & locating all the tribes in our territory west of the Mississippi in the accepted moment for Congress to take up this momentous subject, and save from certain & rapid extinction a people justly entitled to our sympathy, and protection - yet now we are in honor bound to do so as a nation of civilized beings

I hold it worse than useless - nay it is a barbarous practice to pay hundreds of thousands to the north western tribes in specie - it is ruinous to the Indians, and equally unprofitable in the United States to grant - let the more civilized tribes do as they may deem expedient under their treaty stipulations - but the untold thousands who are compelled to take goods at cost and carried upon the sterling prices in England or One importing house alone in New York or Philadelphia, or even Baltimore would answer all purposes of government in regard of the

subject matter herein proposed - It is now high time for us as a magnanimous people to pass over the sneers of the intestine but small community of oppositists to the noble being of these United States, and a truly helpful and dependent race - and take the tribes to our bosoms - and then the world we can perfect a good work - It has been asked in opposition to this plan "Is the government to become traders for the Indians and create a monopoly of the business, and ought it to be the policy of a great nation like the United States to enter into such a traffic?"

I reply - That it is not depending views in any & every shape for the United States to protect their own interests and those of the Indians by all the lawful means in the power of this government

That the establishment of a Indian number of depots for trade among the tribes would as experience has shown - not be a monopoly - but a fair competition affords all who might choose to enter the trade as in times past - But who is it that thus chooses to judge for the government as to what shall or shall not be done in matters deeply involving the honor & dignity of the American Nation - Why none but the worst enemies of the Indians - men who have held them for years past - body and mind in bondage to answer ends at which all honorable men must shudder on a full development of facts by which money is derived from and through the Indians in all shapes. However badly & without experience the former system of trade may have been conducted at our trading factories among the tribes at an early day - yet with all the expense said to have been attendant thereon during times of trouble and difficulty and distress of the proper facilities & means of transportation - it was and still would have

been nothing in comparison with the amt of furs successfully extracted from the Treasury under the present system of trade - for lost credits with the Indian Tribes. I propose a sum only of one of our various treaties to conserve any one of even doubtless experienced that \$300,000. Three hundred thousand dollars thus extracted is more than was ever lost in the course of thirteen years under the old Factory System of the United States. -

I ask but a candid investigation of the fact just stated - and I humbly believe you will find this exposition in the main correct - I have now discharged an imperious solemn duty to my Country, and one I call for in behalf of the benighted Savage - as their Agent and friend. -

What with the encroachments of the Whites - and the Cupidity of the fur trade as at present organized in connection with Specie payments as annuity to the wild Savage - depredation will produce insults - then retaliation - next a protracted war & finally a few millions expended to produce tranquillity which only would prove but temporary - All this & more is in slow but sure progress. I see - & feel the force, and bearing of our present policy - it leads to no hope of a favorable ~~result~~ termination. Adopt my own, or a similar plan & your Indian Tribes west will be placed securely & safely in the arms of the Government - an evil dispendous class of Canadians & others of a similar disposition rooted out - foreign influence destroyed & a fair competition rendered certain & fixed in all time to come. Your Tribes would be happy & peace would long rest upon our borders under the smile of a most bountiful Creator. -

Samuel P. Harris
Indian Agent

Sam C a Harris
Comm. Ind. Affairs
Sir/

Bedford Febry 14th 1838.

The enclosed paper being one of the conventions entered into with the Medawak and Sious for the purpose of cutting pine lumber & erecting Saw Mills on the waters of the Chippewa River was forwarded to my address by Mr Brunet of the Wisconsin Legislature to be laid before the Sept previous to its decision on the request preferred by the Sious Chiefs - pursuant to the Treaty of Sept 28 1837 - Relation to permits to judge Lockwood & others granted prior to said Treaty. - The two most important claimants as to time, and extent under the conventions with the Indians and whom they so earnestly, and respectfully request should be permitted to fulfil their contracts entered into with them - are the persons herein named. Mr Brunet entered into his arrangement without the knowledge or consent of any officer of the Department - but with Judge Lockwood the case is different - as he occupies his present position under the Exsurg Authority of the Government by a Special Convention - no provision being made for him in the Treaty. I cannot but hope that as he has been at great expense in his business he may be justly compensated. - These two claims only might be so arranged as to satisfy the individuals concerned as well as the Indians - for each distinct claim should be curtailed & the term of fifteen years as a limit - to seven & to this arrangement I believe the parties would accede - Should I be instructed by the Department. I would at an early day state to the Claimants the grounds upon which they might be permitted to fulfil their engagements with the Sious under stipulations deemed expedient by the Office of Indian Affairs.

Samuel P. Harris

86 Hon C A Harris - Comdr.
Indian Affairs - 3

Beauregard March 9. 1838

Sir/ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst enclosing the communication of the Rev F S Denton of the 29th of December last to the Dept. requesting such information as I may possess as well also an expression of opinion & my views and suggestions respecting the objects contemplated by the writer.

I regret that my report on the schools & missions which was framed in August last to meet the requirements of the office of Indian Affairs. appears not to have been received by the Dept in connection with my Annual Statement and the several regulations. I will not say but my haste to form the late late delegations for the year of government at the period noted. the report in question may have been left on the files of unfinished reports in the office. I take occasion to say that in the person of Mr. Denton the Indians of Lake Pepin have an able & zealous friend and you can rely on the faithful rep & truth of all that he sets forth in his letter to you of the 29th of Dec. I sanctioned his present at the earnest entreaty of the Indians and if ever there was a Mission Station which deserved the fostering care of the government his is one. — I proposed last November to the Rev Daniel Jarvis (that in the event of the consolidation of Wabasha band with the one at Lake Pepin) to unite with Mr. Denton in labouring for the Agricultural & intellectual improvement of both. This arrangement was readily assented to and the subject left for the future action of the Dept as to whether Wabasha Band should again be attached to the S. Peter Agency. Messrs. Gaven & Denton are Lutherans and men of substantial information & great industry and have every confidence in them & their families. I reported 5. Missions & Schools among the Sacs in the year ending September 1837. —

1. at the "Mountain in the Water" East of the Mississippi 160 miles below the Agency under Mr. Jarvis from Switzerland
 - 2 At the head of Lake Pepin 75 miles from the Agency under the Rev F S Denton & family from Switzerland —
 - 3 At the Little Arrow Village 9 miles below the Agency under Mr. Brown - Methodist Episcopal Society - Rev. Henry
 - 4 At Lake Harriet 7 miles east of Fort Snelling - under the Rev B. C. F. M'pkins Rev J D Stevens. Mrs. S & Miss L C Stevens.
 - 5 At "La caze parole" 250 miles up the River S. Peter established by Am B. C. F. M'pkins - Rev J. S. Williamson & family. —
- The four first Stations are for the American Mission Society alone & the fifth for the Remote Workmen & inspection & junctions. to render any of them either useful or popular with the Indians. all funds applicable to Schools and Missions under Treaty stipulations with the Sacs ought to be equally distributed among the foregoing Missions or Stations - so that none might complain - It is contemplated to place the Sacs on high grounds as to the provisions before stated in the event of the ratification of their late Treaty with the Govt.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt
servt
Saula L. A. Ferro

Hon C A Harris
Comdr. Ind Affrs
Sir.

Office Western Agency Sacs
Upper Mississippi Nov. 10 1838

I nominate for the Office of Sacs Interpreter for this Agency Scott Campbell Esq. of this country, and request that his appointment may take effect from the 1st inst when he was taken into service. — Duncan Campbell declining. —

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt
servt
Saula L. A. Ferro
Indian Agent
W. H. Peters

to A Harris Esq
Comm. Ind Affairs
Sir

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 5th 1838

In a few days I expect a large number of Indians from a distance at this Agency in company with the Indians who murdered young Perreault also the suspected Sioux who wounded Jos R Brown a trader of Lac Travers. The Agent of the Am & Company at this Post has drawn in his trading establishments in consequence of these occurrences, and the failure of the Sioux in making their usual hunts - with the result that the withdrawal of the trade in connection with the casualties ~~affairs~~ before stated, has been productive of considerable excitement.

The facts before stated are bad enough but should we have to add to this state of things the non ratification of the Sioux Treaty of 1837 by the Senate - you may speedily hear of an open rupture with the Post on the part of the Sioux - I am only waiting the result myself when I shall return to the Fort for security, and leave this country as speedily as may be practicable -

The Chippewas on the 15th of April past killed thirteen of the Sioux and made one prisoner. The Sac & Foxes left last month on a war party against the Sioux of the plains calling them "Wahpaukootai" -

Should this fair land be stained with the blood of our people the whole responsibility must rest upon the Senate of the United States. Should they boldly either have postponed or not ratified the treaties to which I have alluded

we are almost defenceless here having not troops sufficient to defend the Post - we have

it is true some fifty or two men - but ^{not} more than twenty of them for duty by the morning reports -

With high respects
Yours most truly
Law Palfafarro

North Western Agency at Station
Upper Mississippi June 5, 1838
Governor -

I enclose herewith a letter for the Com. of Indian Affairs for your perusal and information as to the prospects, and condition of things this portion of your Superintendency -

Mr. Russell has written me that he would if practicable bring down the murderers of Louis Perreault Jr, and also the suspected who shot at & wounded Joseph R. Brown of Lac Travers - He in one of his letters represented the Small Pox as being in the country where these people were, and that he thought it prudent not to force them into this quarter - but from a recent arrival from Red River - I am informed (positively) that Mr R. will soon be here with a large number of the Upper Sioux, and likely the Perreault with them - He has acted without orders from the Office of this Post - yet I shall be governed by circumstances -

I have the honor to be
with very high respects
Yours most truly

His Ex
Gov. Henry Dodge
Supt Ind Affairs
at Menominee Point
for Wisconsin
Law Palfafarro

Capt E. A. Hitchcock North Western Agency at St. Louis
 For the Dis. of for Upper Miss. & Upper June 10th 1838
 And Dep. at St. Louis
 Sir

At eight p.m. pay William
 Kerr or bearer the sum of Seventy five dollars
 for one yoke of work cattle delivered at this Post -
 under the Treaty of July 15th 1830 - and for which
 sum I have forwarded my duplicate receipts
 With high respects Sir
 Your most obedt Servt
 Saml P. Hays
 Indian Agent
 at St. Louis

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North Western Agency St. Louis -
 Captain - Upper Miss. & Upper June 12th 1838

Some later delay has occurred from
 the disbursements of the Indians in the payment
 of the annuities for the year 1838 in comply with
 with your letter of the 17th of May past.

I have now the honor to enclose herewith
 the several payments made to the Upper Miss. and
 Hunter Indians, and Wah-pa-koota bands of
 Sioux under the 4th art of the Treaty of Peace and
 Commerce of the 15th of July 1830. properly authenti-
 cated by the Military officers present.

With high respects Sir
 Your most obedt Servt

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Saml P. Hays

Indian Agent

at St. Louis

Governor - North Western Agency St. Louis
 Upper Miss. & Upper June 14th 1838

I have the honor to forward herewith
 for the office of Indian Affairs duplicates of the
 remarks of the Sioux Chiefs & braves in Council
 assembled on the 5th & 6th of June 1838 - and their
 decisions as the late annuity as to what they
 are to be paid in 1839

The delay on the part of the Senate to ratify the
 Sioux, and Chippewa Treaties of 1837 has produced
 general discontent throughout this frontier.

I can add that unless this subject be soon
 very disposed of we shall feel the weight of their
 resentment to the tune of some few millions of
 money - let alone the broken heads - The Senate
 is aware of this and cannot I trust longer hesitate
 to meet the just expectations of the Indian Councils
 His Ex. Gov. Doxey With high respects

Governor

North Western Agency St. Peter
Upper Miss. 18th June 1838

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date the 28th of April past - will detail to the Department
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of thirteen Scouts men women, and children on
their own lands on the night of the 10th of April past.

The original of Peter Williamson's letter by some
unaccountable circumstance did not reach this
office until yesterday - As soon as the difficulty
before referred to reached me I communicated
with the Agent of the Chippewas Mr. Benzard
who is now in the upper country, and will
cause to be returned to her friends the three
women taken away as prisoners on the 12th of April
by the Saulty Lake Indians.

The general aspect of affairs
here from various causes are not of the most
friendly cast, and we are not in a condition
to resent the slightest insult.

With very high respects for

Your most obedt

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Suprt of Indian Affairs

at Mineral Point

Wisconsin

Louis P. Caffery

Agent

at St. Peter

Upper Miss.

June 1838

Sir

North Western Agency St. Peter
Upper Miss. 29th June 1838

On the 28th inst I received your circular letter of
date the 7th enclosing an Extract from a Resolution of the House
of Representatives of the 19th of March 1838. calling for inform-
ation respecting the intermeddling of foreign governments, or the
Subjects thereof with the Indian tribes within the limits of
the United States - which will receive my earliest attention.

I should the honor be in

William B. Haughton Esq
Acty Suprt of Indian Affairs
for Wisconsin

Your most obedt
Louis P. Caffery
U. S. Agent St. Peter

Dear Sir

Agency St. Peter June 30 1838

Having established the Customs House years
past - I proceed to report the condition of this Agency
now, and for the past month - we have had upwards
of fourteen hundred Indians on visits throughout the
month - and the views, and feelings of many you have
witnessed. There is a calm for the present which any
sudden disappointment may change to a storm.

It is hoped that government will fulfil all im-
portant & just obligations with our people - Should
this be happily soon effected we may anticipate a
permanent tranquility in this country - at least so far
as we are concerned - The Indians of Lake Pepin
have the small Pox and we may expect more of this horrid
discord in this vicinity shortly.

With high respects for

Major J. Plympton
U. S. Army
Comd. Fort Snelling

Your most obedt
Louis P. Caffery
U. S. Agent St. Peter

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 20 1838

I have the honor to report upon the general condition of this Agency. now, and for the month past. There is a Calam for the present which any severe disarrangement may change into a storm.

It is yet to be earnestly hoped that government will fulfill all important, and just obligations with the Sioux, and Chippewas. Should this happily be the case expected very shortly. we may anticipate permanent tranquility in this country at least so far as we are concerned. The Sioux have made a strong appeal to the sympathies of the government in behalf of their tribes for the prompt punishment of the Chippewas of Sandy Lake - for the cruel murder of thirteen of the Indians of Lac qui parre - only a day more from Mr. Hendricks trading Post - on the 12th of April last - I have had more than four times been - dead Indians on visits from all sections of this Agency during the month past - all with grievances of some sort to redress, and to add to the their starvation and want - the small Pox is beginning to spread among them - we are on thorns as to the fate of the dense & Chippewa traders - as upon them hangs the future peace & tranquility of this fair land.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt
servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Dept of Ind: Affairs
General Point

For Wisconsin

San Pablo Ferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 20 1838

I enclose for the information of the Department a list of disbursements drawn upon Leut James Whitehorn this day Agent at Fort Snelling - for the current expenses of this Agency for the Quarter ending June 20. 1838.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt
servt
San Pablo Ferro

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Dept of Ind: Affairs
at Mineral Point

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 1. 1838.

Enclosed I have forwarded duplicate Abstracts of property received, and issued at this Agency - to the Sioux under the 4th Art of the treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830 - for the Quarter ending June 30. 1838.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt
servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Dept of Ind: Affairs
at Mineral Point
for Wisconsin

San Pablo Ferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 1. 1838

I herewith forward to your office
Abstracts in duplicate of Decrees granted at
this Agency during the month of June 1838.
For the information & consideration of the
Department -

With high respect for
your most obedt

His Excellency -

Governor Henry Dodge

Superior Office

for Wisconsin T.

Laurel P. L. O. Ferro
Indian Agent
Sept 10

North Western Agency Station

C. A. Harris Esq
Upper Mississippi July 2. 1838
Comd. In Affairs
Sir

I have not as yet had it
in my power to meet the expectations, and wishes of
the late delegation of Sioux as to the flags promised by the
Department in October last. Every thing is calculated at
this moment to create in the minds of the Indians. Sus-
picion as to our good faith. and these flags have been
named in and out of Council some twenty times of
late. It is to be regretted that the medals asked for
to supply the place of these flags from my late dele-
gation on the route from Washington City to this Agency
last fall - could not be supplied.

With high respect for

Your most obedt

Laurel P. L. O. Ferro

C. A. Harris -
Comd. In Affairs

Sir -

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 28. 1838

The Steamer Burlington has just arrived
with one hundred, and forty six Decrees for the Post -
The Indians are now flocking in from their villages
in the hope of hearing final news as to their treaty of
1837. I fear timber unless you can ^{soon} send us a satisfac-
tory result as to this business. and that the Provisions
of the Sioux treaty will forthwith be put into effect -
Give me something satisfactory by
which the feelings of the Indians may be allayed
otherwise I shall not deem my residence here safe
among them, and of course much on the score of
prejudice from this Agency -

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt

Laurel P. L. O. Ferro

Indian Agent Sept 10

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 13 1838

I have just been informed that a war party of the Chippewas from the upper part of Lake Superior attacked a few of the "Red wing" bands of Sioux a short distance from Lake Pepin on the 8th or 10th inst.

The result as reported is one Sioux killed, and five of the Chippewas.

Nearly 120 of the Red River Colony emigrants have arrived at this Post. The Sioux of this vicinity are in a state of extreme misery, and want and soon are dying for want of proper sustenance when sick.

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Sup't of Ind. Affairs

With high respect

Your most obedt
servt
Saml. P. Hagerro

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 16 1838

The whole of the Chippewas entitled to annuity under the treaty of July 29. 1837. of St. Louis may be ascertained, and paid at the Falls of the St. Croix.

This important measure is one which may be supposed to admit of much diversity of opinion. but be assured that the Comdg Officer here (Maj Plympton) and the Agent for the Chippewas of the Upper Mississippi coincide with my views fully as to the propriety of the Department giving deliberate and favorable attention to this suggestion as it would at once prevent any collision with the Sioux, and this central point in view for the payment would enable all the Indians to attend to any section of their country with facility.

- A Subaltern guards from the Troops here would secure a proper observance of the regulations on the point and a very heavy expense to the Government in transportation be saved.

We are aware that the traders have been busy in their efforts to arrange this matter to suit their own views of expediency, and there ought to be disappointment. Other great dissatisfactions will be evinced by these measures having a direct tendency in the treaty.

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Sup't of Ind. Affairs

With high respect

Your most obedt
servt
Saml. P. Hagerro

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 15 1838

I have the gratification to say that the last gift for the Chippewas of Crow Wing arrived at this Agency this morning bringing with him the Sioux woman taken prisoner by the Sandy Lake Chaudians on the 12th of April last, and she was this day restored by Mr. Nimrod to her husband, and family. whom I caused to remain here for some time for that purpose.

I hope this prompt movement may have a tendency to soften the feelings of our people, and that but little difficulty may hereafter grow out of this unpleasant occurrence heretofore reported.

We have not the means to prevent wholly this predatory warfare so long carried on between these two tribes, and consequently our best policy would be as before interfered as possible in such matters.

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge
Sup't of Ind. Affairs
for Wisconsin

With high respect

Your most obedt
servt
Saml. P. Hagerro

Governor

North Western Agency Peters
Iowa Territory Sept 31. 1838

I have the honor to report this during the month past - we have had no further difficulties with the Sioux than the killing a few heads of Cattle, & some horses of Citizens. The public having as yet but learned no depredations from them - As the crop is beginning to be fit for use the Indians will not suffer as heretofore for food which has rendered many desperate - Capt Brown arrived with a company of the 1st Dragoons at this Post on the 29 inst from Fort Leavenworth. Having met with nothing to interrupt his making out the contemplated military roads. Mr Nicolson and party are moving on successfully in their exploration of the Country west of the Mississippi - I enclose a paper which has been received from the Chippewas of the St. Croix. I proposed to the Agent of that tribe to forward it - but as it was sent direct to me - he wished me to do so - by which you obtain the wishes of those Indians as to the payment of their Arrears -

With high respect
Your most obedt Serv

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Suprt of Ind Affairs
at Mineral Point
for Wisconsin

San Pahafarro

Sir

North Western Agency Peters
Iowa Territory July 31. 1838

Nothing of importance has transpired during the past month among the Indians. more than the constant killing of several heads of Cattle, and some one or two horses - as a few only of the Cattle have been eaten by them from absolute want -

But few of our neighboring Indians have been independent or arrogant - some well fellows from a distance have aided our neighbors in the destruction of the property of our Citizens

Very respectfully
Yours most obedt Serv
San Pahafarro
Cond. H. Melling.

Dear Sir

Indian Agency Peters
Iowa Territory August 1. 1838

As our waters are high from recent rains we are looking down streams for our Indian goods and money under the treaty of Sept 29 1837.

It is too late for the \$10,000 for cattle &c this fall (which seems probable) it would be deemed policy to defer this article of the treaty until next spring. for if the contemplated supply of stock should reach us late this fall - it would not be proper to save them through the approaching winter for want of food.

With high respect
Yours most obedt Serv
Capt E. A. Hitchcock
Per me an ag

San Pahafarro

(Circular)
 Office of Indian Agency
 Iowa Territory Aug 15th 1838

Sir)

Under date of the 19th of July I am instructed by his Excellency Governor Dodge to notify all persons having Claims for lost debts with the Medawakanton Sioux under the Treaty of September 29th 1837 to have the same properly authenticated, and ready for the action of the Commissioners to be appointed - otherwise they may forfeit any future action on them - I am also instructed to say that the sum of \$ Twenty Thousand (\$ 20,000) dollars set apart by said Indians for the payment of their just debts will be paid to Claimants in full satisfaction of their indebtedness, and receipts will be required accordingly -

To H. H. Selby App an 7th 3

Joseph Rulien App an 7th 3

Benjamin F. Baker

Isaac B. Farnham

Bennett Campbell

Phileas P. Curtis

Joseph R. Brown

Hughes Movers & Others

Very respectfully Sir

Your most obedt

Saml. S. Phelps

Indian Agent

At St. Pierre

ff

Governor

North Western Agency St. Pierre
 Iowa Territory August 14th 1838

I have to report a recent difficulty between the Sioux and Chippewas at this Post - On the night of the 2^d Six Chippewas (with their Chief "Hole in the Day") arrived at the residence of Peter Quinn their Interpreter - On the 3^d the Sioux made an attack upon those who were sleeping the house near their lodgings - when one Chippewa was killed, and one other wounded in the knee - One Sioux was shot by a Chippewa in the act of attempting to scalp his comrade, and severely if not mortally wounded - I was absent on business at the Sioux Mission at Lake Harriet seven miles from the Agency, and learning from Mr. Pond that the Sioux meditated mischief - I lost no time in repairing to the spot but reached "Cold Water" about five minutes too late to prevent the unhappy catastrophe - I proceeded at once to the Fort in company with Mr. Venzor the Agent for the Chippewas and reported the facts to the Commanding Officer Major Plympton who sent out a detachment of troops, and brought in the dead body & the Chippewas to his Post -

I sent a hostage at the request of Maj Plympton to the Sioux house the same night, and on the 4th his demands for the murderers was promptly met by my turning over two young Sioux - brothers of the wounded man - who could not be removed - The hostages were detained until the 8th inst when their Chiefs arrived and the Comd Officer submitted all the facts of the case to them in general Council - I asked whether they would punish their people for the recent insults offered, or whether he should should have it done - when the Chiefs stated they would punish the offenders satisfactorily in our presence -

which was acceded to and carried into effect at the Agency - It is my duty and it is but common justice to the Sioux to say that this difficulty

Might have been avoided - had the Chief "Hole in the Day" have remained at his own Village - He had in April last (about thirty miles from Lac qui parle) murdered in cold blood - Thirteen men women & children whose connections were extensive in this vicinity

I sent a Special Message to him - "that in the present excited state of feeling against him - he had better not visit this Post - that I felt I could not have his life would be attempted, and that I would not be answerable, or held responsible if he violated my injunctions - The Chippewas had since made another attack upon the Sioux of Lake Pepin, and yet he dared every thing - and the result has been as predicted -

I fully and cordially approve of the firm and decided course pursued in this matter between the parties by Maj. Plympton - we have done all that could be safely done under the present aspect of affairs between these tribes

I entertain no uncertainty as to regards the general feeling of the Sioux - we should fulfill our treaty stipulations with them as speedily as practicable - this done we shall then find them ready to listen to the Voice of Reason -

The Indians have been told by ill natured persons that the Government intended to deceive them, and that even when they were paid they would not receive more than one half of what their treaty stipulations called for - others to render them still more dissatisfied would say they "had sold their lands for nothing - and if they had held out they would have gotten their price - which would have enabled

them to pay their tractors - more of them old debts and as have been more liberal to their connections & relations" - These things in connection with their peculiar constitution or rather position with the warring tribes - the delay in the final ratification of their treaty with the various States - and swarms of Speculators, and Speculators - making trees, and erecting small huts & lodges produced an irritation & sickening of feeling which caused the killing of some number of cattle and hogs and land horns on lands not yet fairly divided to whom they belonged -

The attacks upon the Chippewas may be traced to the general causes stated in this communication from first to last - and I am only surprised they did not proceed to extremities with the intruders - I will conclude this unusually lengthy report by assuring the Department that we shall have no war after we shall have put this Reservation entirely under the control of the Military and secured the Indians in the quiet possession of their Country west of the Mississippi -

With best wishes for
Yours most obedt Servt

His Excellency

Governor H. Dodge

Supt Ind. Affairs

at Mineral Pt

Wisconsin

Lewis Cass

Sir

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory Augt 16 1838

I am requested by Mr. Catter the Treaty Smith to say for the information of General Jos. M. Smith (not knowing when to address him) that the Smiths Bellows which he sold him for \$35 and the pads on boards the warrior for his gun could not upon a fair trial be made to answer as it would not work at all.

The same was placed in the public store of this Agency, and is ready for delivery to him, or his agent at Prairie du Chien when called for.

May Thomas Boyd
Indian Agent
at Prairie du Chien
Wisconsin Ter

Very respectfully
Your Oth Servt
for A Catter
San Saliaferro

Governor-

Office of Indian Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory August 22. 1838

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three letters from your office of dates the 25. 28 & 31. of July past. The Circular of the 12th as noticed in yours of the 31. of the month referred to not having been received. it will be my duty to proceed in the preparation of the Reports called for relating to Statistical Returns of the tribes within this Agency and a report of Schools & Missions. as well as all requisitions of an Annual Character heretofore rendered obligatory on the Senior Agents & Sub Agents to furnish on, or before the 30th day of Sept for the information of the Office of Indian Affairs -

His Excellency
Gov. Henry Dodge

With high respect Sir
Your most Oth Servt
San Saliaferro

Hon. C. A. Harris
Com. Ind. Affairs
Sir.

North Western Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory Sept 10th 1838

In my report of Schools & Missions within this Agency for the year 1838 - you will observe the notice which has been taken for the founding of an Orphan Asylum near this Agency for the education & support of many Indian Children now without parental protection in this Country - It is proposed in addition to the main object specified that all poor, blind, and helpless women who may be assisted by their friends may also receive shelter in the proposed institution - We have the means adequate to the accomplishment of this end, and all the facilities to be devised, stand waiting to aid us in the prosecution of the grand design, what then shall crop our path, and thwart the noble purposes, or stay its execution?

With high respect Sir
Your most Oth Servt.

San Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

Be pleased to submit the plan proposed for the consideration of the President

North Western Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory Sept 1838
Governor

Under the 18th paragraph of Article Regulations No. 3 - I have the honor herewith to forward the Annual School and Mission Reports for the year 1838 for the information of the Office of Indian Affairs

With high respect Sir
His Exclty
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt Ind. Affairs
for Wisconsin

Your most Oth Servt
San Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter

North Western Agency St Peter,
Iowa Territory Sept 10th 1838

Governor.

I herewith furnish the Map and a Statistical return as required under the 13th paragraph in abridged regulations No 3. which will be found to contain all the information which this Agency can correctly give - Had I leisure from the additional duty of attending the Board of Commissioners now sitting on Claims under the treaty of Sept. 29th 1837. my papers would have been more neatly prepared.

His Excellency
Govr Henry Dodge
Supt of Ind^{an} Affairs
for Wisconsin at
Mineral Point.

With high respect
Yours most obt Servt
(Signed) Saml Dapiferro
Ind Agent
at St Peter.

North Western Agency St Peter,
Iowa Territory Sept 10th 1838.

Governor.

In Compliance with the 14th paragraph of the abridged regulations No 3. Abstracts of all persons employed at this Agency for the year 1838 are herewith enclosed for the information of the Department.

His Excellency
Govr Dodge
Supt of Ind^{an} Affairs
for Wisconsin at
Mineral Point.

With high respect
Yours most obt Servt
(Signed) Saml Dapiferro
Indian Agent
at St Peter.

Hon C A Harris
Comm. Ind. Affairs

North Western Agency St Peter
Iowa Territory Sept 10 1838

Sir

I have this day forwarded to the Supd of Indian Affairs for Wisconsin Annual Reports & Estimates for the year ending Sept 1838. and for the year 1839. funds for the current expenses and all Treaty stipulations. except the Treaty of September the 29th 1837. which has been forwarded general as its details remain to be decided after the first regular payment.

Returns as follows.

- 1 Estimates for the year 1839.
- 2 School, and Mission Reports
- 3 Statistical Returns with accompanying Map
- 4 Lists of all persons employed at this Agency
- 5 Abstracts of all Licensees
- 6 Abstracts of all presents made to Indians

I am required to report what will be necessary this fall for the Indians under the 5 & 6 Clause 2^d Art of their Treaty with the Government - but I fear it will be too late to meet the first expectations of the Indians in either respect this year - this is to be regretted.

With high respect
Yours most obt Servt
Saml Dapiferro

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Hon. G. A. Harris
Comm. Ind. Affairs
North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 10. 1838
Sir

I forward herewith Estimates
for the year 1839 in detail - Current expenses of this
Agency under for Amenity & Treaty Stipulations with
the Mediamakants the Sisseton & Wahpaukoota tribes
of Sioux - under the Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the
15th of July 1830 -

With high respect Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt
Saul Saliaferro

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 10 1838
May G. A. Hatchwell
pl. Mic. Dis. Agent
At St Louis

Sir

I forward herewith Estimates
in detail for current expenses of this Agency and for
Treaty Stipulations for the year 1839. under the
Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830.

With high respect Sir
Yours most Obedt
Saul Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Louis

Governor

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North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 10 1838

In compliance with your letter of the 16th.
Attain I proceed to offer such views on the appropriation
under the 5th & 6th Clauses 2^d Art. of the Treaty with the Sioux
of the 29th of Sept 1837 - as seem to me to be expedient
for the satisfaction of the Indians at this late season -

I have proposed and herewith forward an Estimate
the fulfilling of which may seem to benefit some of the
towns - but what we should do with any large number
of Cattle I know not as we have no Hay - nor have we the
means ^{at this season} of procuring any - not more than three or four
Farmers can be had this fall, and as I have had
no official instructions on the subject - suitable places
for Agricultural purposes have not been selected
One Shop at least ought to be put in place for the
two lower bands either above or below Lake Pepin
this fall - Horses would seem indispensable -

The Comdg Officer Major Plympton has been
consulted on your letter of the 16th of August and he
has come to the conclusion that little can be done
this fall in any shape of a very material nature
or bearing upon the well being of the Indians, and if
their Treaty Stipulations could under the 5 & 6 clauses
aforesaid - and to the full extent be fulfilled early
in the month of April next for this Post (in the mean
time the several bands permanently located) every
arrangement might be made in season to benefit
them as would to a gratifying extent and every
item made plain and easy and the means applied
judiciously and with a sound discretion -

The informant I have freed from my present
engagements with the Commissioner now acting as

as a Lander on Claims under the treaty of Sept 29th 1837. and the Annuities paid - I will in conjunction with the Army Officer well through the adjacent sections of the ^{middle} ~~lower~~ country & within the Chaps. select the most advantageous sites for agricultural purposes. with an eye to wood water supply. A contract was entered into on the first of June past with Doctor Waples Army Surgeon to give his professional services and Medicines to a reservation extent to the Indians at the rate of \$240 per Ann. I will go on to form other contracts under the 5th Clause of the 2^d Art with such persons as farmers whom services may be beneficially applied this fall, and with one hunter and his assistant for the lower Sioux bands subject to the ratification of the Commissioner as to Salaries. I find it not easy to procure the requisite labour for the objects contemplated in the Sioux Treaty for the present hunters graduates for such objects by the Department. Therefore when I can supply them own traps, tools and Charcoal. The sum of \$750 will be considered in full satisfaction of their services and \$300 for the Assistants. and \$600 to Farmers.

The times have changed and our Markets to remove that Mechanics cannot well subsist upon small pay - I am however of the opinion that if authorized Mechanics and farmers can be brought out next Spring either from Ohio or Pennsylvania, and for the exercise of proper influences among the Indians this would be best for them and the interest of the Government, as it is believed we cannot too soon divert ourselves of a bad population now in the Indian Country.

Respectfully Submitted

His Ex^{cy} Gov. A. Dodge
Super^r in Affairs
for Wisconsin

Levi Salaferr
Indian Agent
at Peters

Gen C A Harris
Com^r Ind Affairs
Sir

North Western Agency Peters
Iowa Territory Sept 11. 1838

A contract was entered into with Doct J B Waples Army Surgeon on the first of June past giving his professional services and Medicines to a reservation extent to the Menominee Indians under the 5th Clause of the 2^d Art of the Treaty of Washington of the 29th of Sept 1837. at the rate of \$240 per Ann. which is submitted for the consideration of the Department and respectfully ask its approval.

With highly Respects

Contract Recorded
in Book. B. - 3

Your most Obedt Servt
Levi Salaferr

North Western Agency Peters
Iowa Territory Sept 14th 1838
Governor.

I have the pleasure - Abstracts of all Licenses granted at this Agency for the year 1838. ending Sept 30. and for all Permits made to Indians within this Agency up to the 10th inst - for the Office of Indian Affairs.

With highly Respects
your most Obedt Servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Super^r of Ind. Affairs
at Mineral Point
for Wisconsin

Levi Salaferr
Indian Agent
at Peters

Sir

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 15 1838

Your letter of the 20th ultimo has just been received at this office charging a balance against me of \$785.41. I have before accounted for the items creating the stated balance - The amount of goods received in 1836 was \$600. and not \$500 as reported in the letter before me. An Abstract for the full amount is again herewith forwarded also receipts for the same three files &c &c received and issued during the years 1835 and 36. and amounting to the sum of \$225.82. I also enclose a copy of Genl James Mc Clellens receipted receipts for the sum of \$20. The amount received for the work cattle (noted as procured of A.S. mines) sold at auction under special instructions from the Suprt of Indian Affairs at St Louis - of date the 21st of October 1836.

I received on the 2^d of October 1837 a letter of Credit from your office closing my accounts to that date on the books of the Treasury.

With high respect Sir
Your most othl Serv

William B. Lewis Esq
D^y Asstg Treasury
Washington D.C

Saml Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Louis

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 15 1838
Dear Sir

Sir

The 10th paragraph of General Regulations N^o 3. requires that all "Contracts be filed with the Military Officer, before any payments are made by him for services and things meted with his accounts"

I herewith transmit the Contract of Doct J. J. B. Wright U.S. Army - whose Medical attendance, and medicines are given to the Sioux to a reasonable extent under the Treaty of Washington of the 29th of Sept 1837, and in the 5th Clause 2^d Art of said Treaty.

With high respect Sir
Your most othl Serv
Saml Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Louis

Dear Sir.

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 17th 1838

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this days date - "Requesting my immediate exertions, and aid in ascertaining, whether the Indians or any of them within this Agency have been connected directly, or indirectly in a spirit touching the great Council which was invited by the Cherokee, & other Indians to be held on the 11th inst present" In reply it appears me pleasant to state that within this Agency no such proposition has been either made, or accepted by any portion of the Sioux tribes - and as yet I feel sure myself we have kept aloof from such influences. Since last the hint given

by Cape Boons party when one of a Shawanoe
 Indians Chief having been seen at Fort Fort
 Leavenworth with a Belt of Wampum, and
 the object of which made known. I have treated
 upon this matter with the men intelligently men
 here and from a distance in a manner
 not at all calculated to create alarm
 or even suspicion. since the result has
 been as before stated.

May I Plympton.
 U.S. Army
 Comdg. Fort Melling

With high respect for
 your mo Oth duty
 Saml Saliaferro
 Indian Agent
 At St. Peters

Governor
 North Western Agency St. Peters
 Iowa Territory Sept 30. 1838

I forward herewith General Abstracts
 in duplicate of all license granted at this
 Agency from the 30th of September 1837. to
 the 30th of September 1838. included for the
 information of the Department.

With high respect for
 your mo Oth duty
 His Excellency
 Governor Henry Dodge
 Sept of Ind. Affairs
 at Mineral Point
 for Wisconsin
 Saml Saliaferro
 Indian Agent
 At St. Peters

To Messrs L. J. Pease
 & W. L. D. Ewing
 U.S. Commissioners
 Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
 Iowa Territory Sept 29. 1838
 Gentlemen

Under the orders of the Department
 of the 26th of July past. I have since the 10th of August
 several thousands rations to Indians attending on Special
 Council with the Commissioners under treaty of Sept 24. 1837.
 for the settlement of Claims of the half breeds & tribes of the
 Sioux. I have been notified that the Indians will not
 be further required. but as the Arrears was certainly
 payable to be paid during the late Council. the Indians
 have stated to the Commissioners that they (as their families
 are with them) wish for further supplies of provisions,
 and are loth to depart before they are paid.

As the Commissioners have stated their Council to be
 at an end. I do not feel myself authorized to con-
 tinue any requisitions on the Commissioners at this
 Post for further supplies.

Very respectfully
 your mo Oth duty
 Saml Saliaferro
 Indian Agent
 At St. Peters

Dear Sir

Office of Indian Agency Peter's
Iowa Territory Sept 30. 1838

I have no important events to give
for your information as to the affairs of this
Agency during the past month - we have at
this date some six hundred Indians encamp-
ed in the vicinity of the Post who have been
employed in business with the U.S. Commissaries
and who are disposed to remain ^{for} the
expected receipt of their annuity for this year.

The Indians are in a suffering condition
now as they have been for some time in
consequence of the ~~extreme~~ delay in the
receipt of their funds - and their minds
are soon what unsettled in consequence.

With high respect to

Your most obedt

Saml. Parker

Indian Agent

at Peter's

To Major
Joseph Plympton
U.S. Army

Commanding

Fort Snelling

Am C. A. Harris
Comm. in Affair
Sir

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North Western Agency Peter's
Iowa Territory Sept 30 1838

I have the honor humbly to enclose
the accounts & disbursements of Doctor Joseph B. Wright
for Medical Services rendered for the Indian Agency
from the 1st of October 1837 to the 15th of
June 1838. The Services stated having been not
only important to the Indians but most promptly
and faithfully performed. I recommend
the same to your favorable consideration.

The Indians are earnestly desirous that the Doctor
should be compensated for his invaluable services
to them in times of sickness and need.

With high respect to

Your most obedt

Saml. Parker

Indian Agent

Dear Sir

Office of Indian Agency Peter's
Iowa Territory Oct 3. 1838

Your letter by Mr. Pfyster relating to your
views and wishes as to the payment of the \$110,000 to the
half breed Sioux was duly received, and payments made
as nearly in conformity therewith as practicable under all
the aspects of so varied and complex a concern. The funds
will be shortly accounted for to you & the Department
Satisfaction. In the exercise of your judgment in
forwarding this fund for the object specified. I feel
disposed to more than compliment you. Hundreds
of poor devils are provided for and in good season.

I have to remark that some disappointment
and more concern has arisen in consequence

of \$1200 of the \$4000 to be paid here has been left at Plans on Churs. This will unhappily delay the settlement of an important affair and as our stock has earned some its bloods -

The Indians of this vicinity - five villages only are entitled to the appropriation - on this you may rely and it is hoped that this sum will be forwarded as speedily as practicable -

There are but 200 persons in Wabishon band and 1600 here - so in any event were they even entitled to any portion of this fund the distribution would not be fair in any view of the case -

We shall have to delay until this money arrives, and I have requested Mr. Plympton to forward it at once from the Plans of this - that the whole sum may be paid out here at once for the reservation, and all objectionable points settled and explained satisfactorily to the Indians entitled to the four thousand dollars.

In great haste I remain yr friend

and Mr. St. Paul

May E. A. Hitchcock
St. Paul Dis Agent
At St. Louis

San Saliaferro

P.S. I will do all in my power to satisfy the Indians who feel great dissatisfaction as the slow coming in of their annuity this fall.

I hope to get through with the case of May Plympton & the Dis Agent -

Governor

Office of Indian Affairs
Iowa Territory Oct 3rd 1838

I nominate to the Department Francis D. Denton of Switzerland - Thomas W. Pope of Ohio and Samuel Bond of Connecticut for appointments severally as Farmers for the checkerawentun Indians at Lake Pepin - Little Crow Village & Lake Calhoun under the 5th Clause 2nd Art Treaty of Washington of the 29 of September 1837 - to date from the 1st inst - when contracts were formed - which are herewith enclosed - as also the contract with Doctor J. S. B. Wright for Medical Linens & Medicines.

His Excellency -

Governor Henry Dodge
Supr of Indian Affairs
for Wisconsin

With high respect
Your Most Obedt Servt

San Saliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Louis

Note - Oct 5th 1838 - by Airtel -

I addressed a letter in great haste to Maj E. A. Hitchcock St. Louis as to the absence of \$1200 of the \$4000 to be paid for the Reservations at this Post - Wabishon Bands not entitled to any portion of this fund as it was obtained for a certain purpose to grant the claims on this Post - under two heads - Pikes treaty & enormous destruction of wood by the troops around their villages for years back - I wrote for the balance of this fund - also in consequence of the great excitement among our people entitled to it - I would advance the amt to the Dis Agent & take a draft from him in my favor May Plympton at my request also wrote Maj H. on the subject -

San Saliaferro

Dear Major

Indian Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory Oct 20 1838

I forward herewith requests on you for Annuitly goods - Provisions since for support of two Semitic Establishments in Iowa State & under the Treaty of Sept 29. 1837 for the Medawakanton Sioux for the year 1839.

I have influenced the Indians to receive the \$10,000 in goods sent - have I have known all the goods were present the articles would have been delivered before the return of the Agent. The Crow 600 Bushels has been issued to the Indians, and the \$4,000 paid under the Convention with Pike for so much land as may be required for the military operations of this Post.

After obtaining the official remuneration of Washburn & his living bonds of Sioux to any part of this term. I advanced \$1200 to Mr Whitehorn to enable him to complete his payments and satisfy the Indians.

Since Whitehorn has done all that has been required with the large amount of funds placed in his charge for disbursement under all the varied circumstances of so complicated a business and claims.

With high respect for

Your most obedt Servt

Law Saliaferro

Man Agent

at St. Peter

To
Major E. A. Hitchcock
McMie Dis Agent
at St. Louis

Governor

Office of N. Western Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory Oct 20 1838

I nominate Oliver Busico as Blacksmith, and Charles Lounclis as an Assistant under the 2^d Art of the Treaty of Sept 29. 1837 for the Upper Medawakanton Sioux. Contracts have been formed with them for the faithful discharge of their respective duties and herewith enclosed - dated October the 15th 1838.

For the Lower Sioux a Shop will be put up this fall below Lake Pepin this being an - that for the two lower Sioux Bands, and until the same can be put in place. The Indians will be supplied from this Agency with all such articles as they are known to require.

With high respect for

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Sept. in Affairs

for Wisconsin

Your most obedt Servt

Law Saliaferro

Man Agent

Governor

Office N. W. Agency St. Peter
Iowa Territory Oct 20 1838

I have forwarded herewith for the Office of Indian Affairs - Requests for Goods - Provisions & also the Remarks, and Decision of the Chiefs at the Annuitly payment Oct 15th 1838 relative to their views & wishes - I have gotten through as far as the means would go with the Treaty & the Sioux this fall - With high respect

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge

Sept. in Affairs

Your most obedt

Law Saliaferro

Governor.

Office Northwest Agency at St. Louis
Iowa Territory Oct 23. 1838

The Mail Express of the 19th brought your letter of the 6th of this month - requesting that under the final distribution of the Annuities & Money ^{due} to the Indians of this Agency - I should not take advantage of the season of absence which you give our kind regards to pass - to take effect on the 15th of the present month -

Your Excellency will perceive by my communications of the 20th that I have anticipated your views by remaining at my Post as long as there was the slightest danger - difficulty or delay attending the fulfillment of the Treaty stipulations for the year 1838 with the Black Arikara Nation of this Agency

I have had \$10,000 in goods paid which were not satisfactory as to assortment of articles to the Indians - but the season was late - they were suffering & I induced them to acceptance of the amount - and that they should be better served another year - The \$4,000 for so much land around this Post ~~for~~ as may be deemed requisite for military purposes in case the Convention with Pike has also been paid to the parties entitled to receive it - and Sen Sen and bushels of corn divided among the several bands - The Gipsy today just brought an additional supply of corn flour & pork - these articles will be also properly distributed - which will leave the Indians but little to complain of - and in a condition to do well if they will - The Chief went me in

~~Office Northwest Agency (St. Louis)~~
~~Oct 23. 1838~~

a special manner to attend to the fulfillment of the business of their important stipulations with the Government - Having fulfilled my duties here - I am ready to give the Agent for the Chiefs as in satisfying those people - now in great want - as speedily as may be practicable - and when I leave this Agency on my present for long - its affairs will be easily administered in my absence and without much trouble by my Assistant Commanding in whom the Indians recognize and also I trust find.

His Excellency

Gov. Henry Dodge
Supt Ind Affairs

With high respect Sir

Your most Obedt Servt
Lawrence

Governor.

Office Northwest Agency St. Louis
Iowa Territory Oct 23. 1838

I enclose herewith an Abstract of accounts granted at this Agency during the month of October 1838 - under the stipulations of the Treaty for the Office of Indian Affairs -

With high respect Sir
Your most Obedt ServtHis Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of Ind Affairs
at Mineral Point -
Wisconsin Ter.Lawrence
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Governor

St Louis Missouri
November 10th 1839

I have the honor to report for duty within your Superintendency under the orders of the Hon the Honorable Bearpaw bearing date the 26th of October past. I am at this place on leave of absence granted by his Excellency Governor Dodge of Wisconsin and proceeding to Bearpaw Post to join my family and return again to the Agency at St. Louis. which arrangement I trust you may ratify & confirm. Having left ^{the Agency} perfectly tranquil and in charge of the Comm^{rs} Officer Maj J. Reynolds.

The Sioux have had all treaty stipulations fulfilled as satisfactorily as could be this fall and when I left St. Louis the Indians were preparing to go off for the fall and winter upon their customary hunting excursions and I am happy to add that so long as I may remain at my present Post you may expect a cordial cooperation and a faithful discharge of all official duties.

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt

Saml Saliaferro

Indian Agent

at St. Louis

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Supt of Ind Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa Territory

Governor

St Louis Missouri
April 19th 1839

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst enclosing the Estimates under the 5th & 6th Clause of the 2^d Art of the Treaty with the Sioux of the 29th of Sept 1837. and the letter relating thereto of date the 16th of March past. The views of the Com^{rs} as is proposed on the 9th Sec of the Organization Act of 1834 relating to the employment of Smiths under Treaty stipulations will be attended to and carried into effect if the persons so employed should agree to serve upon the terms presented.

In order to fulfill your instructions under the Sioux treaty and to answer speedily the just expectations of the Indians. I will proceed (as the River is now up & in good boating order & may soon subside) forthwith to St. Louis, and procure, and ship all the supplies in a few days to St. Louis. As the Indians were badly supplied, and at a very late season last year which created great dissatisfaction it is all important for the interest of the government and the benefit of the Sioux that they be more efficiently and speedily served. The morning I should return though with all our obligations on account of Treaty stipulations it will afford me pleasure to meet your views as required in the last paragraph of your communication.

I have the honor to be

With high respect Sir

His Excellency
Gov. Robert Lucas
Supt of Ind Affairs
Burlington
for Iowa Territory

Your most obedt
Saml Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Hon J. R. Poinsett
 Sec of War
 I am de Chiers
 April 19. 1839.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of my appointment as Agent for Indian Affairs at St. Louis for four years from the 3^d day of March past and by word to tender you this as my acceptance of the same.

I am taking upon myself this important trust for the sixth time. I feel my gratitude strengthened in a degree not to be expressed for this renewed evidence of the confidence of the Government in my official conduct. My official Bonds will be returned to the Department as soon as its requirements can be complied with.

I am proceeding to St. Louis in all haste in order to carry into speedy effect the remaining Treaty Negotiations with the Sioux upon the suggestion of his Excellency Governor Lucas. Secy of Indian Affairs for Iowa Territory.

I have the honor to be
 With high respect
 Your most obedt

L. A. J.

Hon J. R. Poinsett
 Sec of War
 I am de Chiers
 April 19. 1839.

I am but just informed (our
 Honary notices the several acts & joint resolutions
 passed during the last Session of Congress) that \$100,000
 or \$20,000 has been appropriated to purchase Fort
 Snelling. I should be required
 for public purposes. My astonishment being great at
 this fact, it becomes my official duty to find you
 the following particulars in order to present a most
 palpable impression, and present before the Dept-
 as reviewed by myself. The Islands in question
 has had no tenants ^{but} cattle and horses except in
 dense transient encampments of Indians upon it
 for the past fifteen years - when not under water
 for it overflows at times during spring freshets.

The Convention of Pike with the Sioux in 1805. gave
 it to the United States - the Treaty of Sept 29. 1837. explicitly
 conveying the Islands to the United States - and the sum
 of \$4,000 paid at St. Peter by the War Dept on the
 15th of October 1838. I did believe had fully settled
 the limits of the military reservation around Fort
 Snelling. In August 1820. the late Gen. Leavenworth
 held an unauthorized treaty with a few of the Sioux
 in which it was stipulated to the Islands in question
 to Pelage Fort. built a half breed and wife of J B
 Fortchault a Canadian trader - also called to Duncan
 Campbell the present site of the Am Fur Company
 and the present claims of Scott Campbell to his
 sister Margaret Campbell - late Pizand.

Although I was a witness to this act of the former

I informed him that in times of difficulty
 The Post would require the Island the smalls
 as a place of safety for the public cattle it being
 directly under the guns of the Fort and that it
 would be my duty to oppose their claims.
 This I did at once by letter to the Hon John
 C. Calhoun then at the head of the war office
 who promptly replied directing me to notify the
 persons claiming reservations under the Convention
 referred to that they would not be considered
 The President having directed, or decreed
 not to lay the several treaty before the Senate.
 The persons interested were duly & officially
 notified accordingly, and the matter was
 supposed to be at rest until S. C. Flamberg
 volunteered to be the Agent of this fictitious
 claim. I making to you Sir this short
 communication my only aim is to arrive
 at truth, and fairness in all these concerns
 the Government.

With very respectful
 Yours most obedt Servt
 Saml P. L. S. P.
 (Indian Agent &c)

Governor

St Louis Missouri
 April 27 1839.

I have formed contracts under the 6th
 clause of the Treaty of Washington of the 29th of Sept
 1837. with the Messrs. A. & S. L. for the
 supplying of the Ten thousand dollars in Agricul-
 tural implements and stock, and such other
 articles as might be useful to the Indians.

The clause refers to embrace the Supplies
 Estimated for under the direction of the Commis-
 sioner of Indian Affairs in part of this fund
 for the year 1838. The articles not having been
 forwarded during the last year the chiefs
 and braves parties to the treaty aforesaid. will
 not now be satisfied unless the whole fund
 (stipulated to be furnished as soon after the
 ratification of their treaty as practicable) be
 delivered in good faith to their people this
 season. The Contract for cattle will be filled
 on or before the 15 day of June by Messrs
 McKim & Napron amounting to the sum
 of \$4380. and for Agricultural implements
 and other necessary Supplies to the amount
 of \$5620. on or before the 1st of June by
 Messrs. Choate & Co. of this place.

The interest of the Department should be
 to fulfil all treaty stipulations as speedily as
 practicable. otherwise the Indians loose con-
 fidence in their Agent & become troublesome
 troublesome. and the sooner the Sioux are
 disposed of in accordance to their treaty the
 better for the interest of the Government
 by ending all complaints & maintaining com-
 peace.

As the late regulations of the Department
 require the receipts and disbursements
 of all funds under treaty stipulations
 to the Superintendents at St Louis and
 the Act Superintendents for Michigan
 and the Western Territory it is fairly
 to be presumed that the funds now in
 course of expenditure will be remitted
 to the Superintendents at this place.

The Supplies under the 5th Clause
 will be forwarded to the Agency at St Louis
 in the course of a few days.

With high respect Sir

His Excellency
 Governor Robt Lucas
 Supt of Affairs
 Bureau of
 for Iowa Territory

San Salazar
 Indian Agent
 at St Louis

B.

The Contract with P. L. Hoffman & Co
 has been purposely left open for the supplying
 of the \$5620. in Agricultural implements
 and other requisites Supplies & articles
 required to the Indians under more definite
 instructions from the Commissioner of
 Indian Affairs to yourself or the Supt
 at St Louis.

San Salazar

Sir

North Western Agency
 Upper Miss May 11th 1839

I have the honor at this date to have it in
 my power to comply with the requirements in your letter
 of the 20th Sept and 7th of December 1838.

I forward herewith an Abstract of Receipts
 + for the year 1837.
 Amounting to the sum of \$615.12 - being just \$15.20 over
 the amount received, and which was found necessary
 to expend - Also two returns of property received and
 delivered in the year aforesaid 1837. The first for the State
 for Support of the Shop. The Second for Agricultural
 implements - Cattle and Horses to fulfil treaty stipulations
 under the terms of the 15th of July 1830.

It is not seen how the sum of \$58.07. is to be
 accounted in my accounts. I think the error is not in
 this office - if so, be pleased to point to the vouchers.

I beg leave to refer you to the
 accounts of Major Hitchcock for the cost of one yoke
 of Oxen, and a Span of horses as received and delivered
 by me on the 10th of June 1837.

With high respect Sir
 Your most obedt Servt
 San Salazar
 Indian Agent
 at St Louis

Major William B. Lewis -
 S. Audy Treasury
 Washington City Dc

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Governor

North Western Agency Station
U. S. P. M. P. P. May 12. 1839

It admits not of a doubt, but that about the close of the Moon in March. four of the Wah-pa-koota Sioux. two men and two women were fallen in with on what is here called the "Birch woodforks" of the Red Cedar River near the Dismiss by a hunting party of Eight Foxe Indians, and before parting company. one Sioux woman was killed and one taken off a prisoner. The two men escaping with wounds only.

The Foxe will of course endeavor to hide this act of treachery of theirs. but the instruction which you were to give the Agent for the Sac & Foxe relations to the Sioux woman stated to be a prisoner in their Camps last April may lead to the detection of the murderers.

The Commanding Officer of this Post addressed the Agent some time since upon this subject and it is hoped he will look personally into the facts as the Sioux generally are much incensed, and may go to war when they have received their Annuity.

With high respect
Yours most obedt
Saml. Salisberry
Indian Agent
At St. Peters

His Excellency
Gov. Robert Lucas
Dept. Ind. Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa Territory

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The Rev. A. B. Benson North Western Agency Station
Minister of the Gospel U. S. P. M. P. P. May 14. 1839
Sir

Your communication from Prairie du Chien of date the 8th of April past, and addressed to the Act Indian Agent at this Post has been received, and it becomes my duty to reply as briefly as possible to the grounds exceptions taken by your Reverence to my late Annual Report to the Office of Indian Affairs. You affirm that the first word is yet to be spoken to you upon the subject of the purchase of the Mission house at the Little Crow Village for the use of the Forman for the Indians there located.

Sir. Of the hope of gain seems to have tar-
nished your memory in these days squattling
claims, and the "known economy of your Society"
for it can be proved, and I have it in reading
from your own Mission family - wholly to the
glories of your operation - again Sir you are equally
out of place when you say "The Agent Maj. Salisberry
entertained secret designs to war Mission -
wrong again, when you assert that you located
under any other authority (than of the Dep. excepted)
than my own - for I was friendly to the founding of
the Mission there, and surely am at this date - again
wrong in asserting that Mr. Pope was appointed Forman
at the request of the Indians for the contract was signed
before the Chief knew a word of the arrangement, but
with which selection all were satisfied. - And I add
more especially out of place when you refer to the
lost & local positions of other Missions, and equally
absurd
"when you state in as many words that the Agent
used his influence to peace, or caused all Indian
children to attend other schools than the one

founded by the Methodist Society under your
 supervision, or that the Agent "Tried best year
 to induce the Indians to have the Mission removed
 and that they said it should not be done."
 Now Sir. in closing this letter I will remark
 that so far from intending the slightest injury
 to any one in all that I have the honor to recom-
 mend to the department for the benefit, and
 convenience of the several Mission Stations within
 this Agency. I studiously avoided any seeming
 partiality by selecting farmers from each of the
 Societies, and asking similar terms for all.
 As referred to the report by any candid and
 unprejudiced mind (which has brought upon
 its false head the maledictions of a most unchar-
 itable member of a most respectable & revered
 Society) will readily perceive the liberal intentions
 of that document. But you say "we expect a hearing
 at Headquarters, and if not at the bar of public opinion."
 I say Sir - ~~refused, saying the Commissioned~~
~~deposition to~~ pervert the truth more in sorrow
 than in anger - I say so Sir. proceeds - and if
 the signs of the times do not change before the meeting
 of the next General Conference - you shall be "weighed
 in the balance, and found wanting" - The Society
 cannot longer support your extravagance - only indeed
 we give you \$3,000 for that which the Missions
 would be glad to take the proffered \$500 for. - And
 finally it being in contemplation for immediate
 action to erect a Mission School a few rods below
 the present site of the Mission where it will be more
 retired and less subject to intrusion from drunken
 Indians, and swarms of ragged children -
 Therefore you may retire from the field

in a few years old - full of honors & of fame -
 A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the
 Office of Indian Affairs - to the Secretary of the Board
 and to Bishop Soulé of Illinois.

With due respect Sir
 Your most obedt
 Servant
 John A. Smith
 (At St. Peter)

North Western Agency St. Peter
 Now I Heartly Greetings to Mr. Mississippi May 14. 1839.
 Comm. In Affairs
 Sir

I still see no reason to
 change my views upon the subject of founding an
 orphan Asylum (as brought forward in my last Ann-
 ual Report to the Office of Indian Affairs), to be located
 near Fort Snelling - for the education, and protection of
 an unusual number of interesting children of both
 sexes, and ages - among the several bands of Sioux
 who seem destitute - friendless and degraded - ~~and~~
 and indeed daily becoming more ~~degraded~~ ~~in their~~
 habits, and morals as time advances them to maturity -
 The Medawakantew Sioux set apart in their
 treaty of the 29. Sept 1837. the sum of \$5,000 for. Annual
 for Schools and Missions & for other beneficial objects
 under the direction of the President - This admitted - the
 Indians seem to be now strongly in favour of one
 general establishment on which to expend their
 funds than to throw their means as they say to the
 "four winds" and from which they can see no
 corresponding benefit resulting to the Nation -
 I have at my disposal, and at hand all the

~~Manual~~ Materials embracing intelligent peculiar
 fitness and known capacity to conduct the proposed
 institutions upon a scale of economy, and success
 but for government that could be desired.
 My selection of competent persons would be
 confined to the several Missions families
 now within this Agency - many of whom both
 male & female are endowed with no ordinary
 share of intellectual accomplishments.

All we seek is the sanction of the Government
 to show to the civilized world a true plan
 of enlightening the benighted Savage, & to send
 him forth among his fellow men a civilized
 and rational being. well educated and with
 the means of usefulness & capable of improving
 this usefulness as a Christian, a tractor, a mechanic
 and a husbandman - for it is of course in
 contemplation by no means to neglect manual
 labour - while ^{improving} the finer arts to the males
 and females. This reviewed proposal may fail
 but any objections against a plan so well
 understood here: will be in opposition to the
 wishes of the Nation, and deeply felt, and
 regretted by every well regulated mind in this
 country - for so important has this subject
 become ^{with} ~~among~~ intelligent Christians and others
 in this territory that I feel assured the Office
 will find any new plan of education and in
 separating the children from their connections
 for this purpose - fully and ably sustained
 in the course of a very few months.

I lay no claim to the idea however of
 perfection in the plan proposed for your
 most earnest contemplation. The impression

ment of the condition of mankind when in a state
 of mental disease, is an object worthy of attention.
 On the Catalogue of Philanthropists of the day, are to be
 found "both great and small" and various on the
 opinions in regard to each other's notions, and means
 of doing good.

Minds, and opinions, conflicting as they are
 at every point, on which humanity is suspended,
 must necessarily lead to results as opposite in effects
 as light is from darkness. - The amelioration of the
 condition of the Indian tribes is not exempt from
 this kaleidoscopic malady - though there may be certain
 laws and deductions in the pathology & treatment of
 of the various subjects, that are irresistible.

Time, and experience, however, will make
 known the result of all benevolent undertakings.
 and he, whose opinions, and means of benefiting
 are verified by this unerring test of all things, will
 be doubly rewarded in continuing, though the
 contest may be long and loud.

With high respect Sir,
 Your most obedt
 Servt
 S. P. Saliaferro
 Mission Agent
 At St. Peter

Sir

Agency House St Louis
May 19th 1839-

I am requested by the "Dancer" an Indian of the Little Crow Village, to drop you a line on the subject of his horse - which he states has his neck broken at your head by being chained to some fence behind the facts are only known thus far - as the horse was a pretty good one of the kind - he states his value at Fifty dollars - the card you of course understand and may be the better enabled to adjust the matter to the satisfaction of the Indian - with whom you are well acquainted -

Joseph R Brown Esq
Near St Louis
Wisconsin Ter

Very respectfully
your obt serv
Leah S. Adams

Hon J R Poinsett
Secy War

Fort Snelling upr Miss
May 22nd 1839.

The undersigned have for some months been of opinion that the Agency near this Post having answered the objects of its location here in times of danger & difficulty at a former period - it would now for reasons the most conclusive to the minds of the undersigned be beneficial to the Indians as well as ^{concerning} the public interest to remove it to some convenient point upon the River St Peters -

Governor

Office North Western Agency St Louis
Upper Mississippi May 22nd 1839

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th of April - forwarding "Additional Regulations for paying of Annuities and executing Treaty stipulations" - together with a new bond to be executed for the sum of \$20,000. and forwarded to you without delay - As my Securities reside in the interior of the United States the views of the Department will be met as to my official obligation as soon as the remoteness of my position will possibly enable me to comply therewith - On this score the Office may not be satisfied as to my ability to meet ten times the amount of responsibility required.

With best respects Sir

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas -
Suprt of Indi Affairs
Iowa Territory

Your most obt serv
Leah S. Adams
(Indian Agent &c)

Note on the official Bond.

I this 22nd day of May gave a written memorandum to May A D Stuart - He let me enclosing my official bond - asking him to submit the same with my signature offered to my friends Kenneth McKenzie and Phileas J of St Louis - and ask them to join me in my obligations for \$20,000. to the U States - and if complied with & signed by them - then to enclose the same to Governor Lucas of Burlington Iowa Territory - for the Office of Indian Affairs -

Note 2nd.

I am called on to give Bonds over ten requirements of the Additional regulations of the Dept \$10,000 - This fact is merely here noted - as this office will not reach \$50,000. in all liabilities - on any account - L.S.

Governor.

Office North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi May 24 1839

Some more full explanatory statement seems due the office of Indian Affairs upon the fulfillment of the 6th Clause of the Lewis treaty of Sept 29 1837.

The Estimates forwarded in the fall of 1838 under the direction of the Office at Washington through the Superintendent of Wisconsin - covered that year have met the wants of the Farmers employed for the Indians there being at that period but three under contract - so that what would serve them would by no means come up to our arrangement under the clause referred to for the present year 1839. The Indians would not rest satisfied with less than the full complement of both Smiths and Farmers - & it therefore becomes prudent to make all requisite arrangements, in order to give ample satisfaction in every respect concerning their treaty stipulations, and apprise the Dept of the condition of things (consulting the able Dept at St. Louis) and ask the concurrence of the Commissioner. I formed a contract with McPike on the most favorable terms for cattle, and horses to the amount of \$4,370 - leaving the balance of \$5,630 - upon an open contract with Peers, Choate & Co. for supplies of carts, wagons, blankets, shoes and such other articles as are known to be indispensable to the comfort and convenience of the Indians - subject to the approval of the Office at Washington under the direction of the President - all which for the sake of allaying excitement & want of confidence (by delay) in the good faith of the Government - may be ratified and approved - as the \$10,000 has to be sooner or later expended for the objects specified, and the good of the Service in the matter being my sole aim. -

There are several villages, or towns of the Mdewakanton bands of Sioux parties to the treaty

of the 29th of Sept 1837. and to prevent such, & lasting feuds, and much injury to the healthful operations, and quiet of this Agency - Seven farmers have been selected - One to take charge of the concerns of each band, and two Smiths and Assistant Smiths employed - One shop to be located at the Dept of the Agency, and the Second (without expense to the appropriation) as heretofore ^{located} at the foot of Lake Pepin for the convenience of the "Wabekas" and "Red Wing" bands - & too remote to derive benefit from the ore now in blast at this Post - The amount under the 5th Clause will meet their contemplated, and requisite objects early, and leave ample means for the erection of houses for our Smiths, and an allowance for buildings for the Farmers at all the Villages - Upon this latter point I should be gratified to have the opinion of the Com^{dr} of Indian Affairs at an early day as to the several sums which I may be authorized to ~~give~~ ^{pay} to the farmers to enable them ^{farmers} to house themselves, and make enclosures for the stock, ^{cut hay} and other important arrangements, ^{completion} before the approaching fall -

Much whiskey is being introduced into the Country East of the Mississippi, and contiguous to Fort Snelling, and the Indians cannot but have free access to it - and if the Affairs of the Government as regards our stipulations with them be not promptly met - there are dangerous white men - who to carry favour (or more particularly to get money, or other articles) with their deluded creations - will feed their passions with liquor - and as matter of course under the residence of the Agent has extremely unpleasant and at times even precarious - There is no difficulty in controlling the Sioux - they can be lead ^{like} a thread were it not for whiskey, and the vice tempers of a few bad offenders among the whites - now unhappily beyond the reach in this country -

The troops are in a fair way to be rendered very soon unfit for emergencies that may be anticipated

and all from Whiskey Shops under the guns of the Fort
the Guards house, and Cells have tenants in abundance
and the Commanding Officer cannot help himself
for the want of Authority to hold the Soils requisite
for Military purposes, and the protection of his
command from Whiskey apoplexy. — The removal
of this Agency to a point beyond the
St. Louis river will be for the convenience of the
of the Government.

Governor Robert Lucas
Supt of Ind. Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa Territory

Your most obedt
Saml Salasferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

My dear Sir

Agency House St. Louis
May 25. 1839

Your letter of this date by the Clerk of
"Black Dog" bands. Nominating at their request
Louis Martin for the office of farmer for their
Village. has been received.

A regulation of the Department forbids
the employment of foreigners in the Indian Country
when Citizens of the United States Qualify. can and
have to file the Statute referred to. — Your
application in favor of Martin would
need ~~favorable~~ consideration.

With respect & esteem

Your most obedt

Saml Salasferro

A. H. Sibley Esq
New Hope.

Agency House St. Louis
May 29. 1839

My dear Sir

Your nomination as farmer for
the Service of Lake Pepin has been confirmed
by the Office of Indian Affairs from the first
day of October 1838. Your compensation
will be at the rate of Six hundred dollars
per Annum in full for your services as such

The W. Popo
Saml. W. Ponds
Rev. F. S. Dutton
Saml. Mifflin

Lake Pepin
Harriet &
Delia Ames

Very respectfully
Your most obedt
Saml Salasferro
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Governor.

North Western Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi May 3 1839

Four Steam Boats have arrived, and yet
no annuity for the Sioux. The Indians are not well
satisfied with their disappointments. The Wahpookotaw
Scouts and Suspecter Scouts are here. The former
have introduced the Small Pox again into this Section,
and it is feared with all our prevention by Vaccination
and other means. This disease may spread among the
Medawakanton. The General is here and poor, and
distressed and I have as yet nothing but cash promises
to relieve temporarily their pressing wants. Whiskey
is being freely brought on to the lands East of the
Mississippi. which of course must soon render
them more miserable on free access to it.

It fully sustains by the Dept in my views
of fulfilling their treaty stipulations of 1837.

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much good may be done, and satisfaction given.
The River is fast falling, and from this fact I
base my Estimates on Supplies to be delivered
at this Post on or before the 20th of May in
each year. - Sent them early there would
be no difficulty as to transportation, and
a great saving of expense - to the United States
later than this, and every evil may be eradicated
on this subject enough has been said
by this office. - The payments of the
Chippewa half ^{& their annuities} ~~bands~~, at Lapointe, and the
debts of the Indians - will cause much misery
& inconvenience to the poor claimants - and what
is worse - an excitement that may be felt -

The ^{for the good} ~~farmers~~, referred to in my letter of
the 24th of May - will be put under contract to soon
as the list is complete, and then recommended for
the consideration of the Department - to as to enter
upon their important duties - severally on the first
day of July -

With Respectful
Yours
Saml. A. Jones

His Excellency
Governor Robt Lucas
Supt Ind. Affairs
at Burlington
Iowa

Governor.

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North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi June 4th 1839

In my letter of yesterday the 3rd inst on
the Affairs of this Agency I casually touched on the
concluding paragraph on the subject of the decision
of the Department to pay the Chippewa Annuity, &c
this year at Lapointe on Lake Superior. - Since when
the Commanding Officer on this Station (Major Plympton) has
placed in my hands the enclosed paper directed to
him by the Chiefs of the Chippewas, with a note from
him on the same subject, which is now forwarded as
expeditiously as possible for the information of the Office
of Indian Affairs. -

I continued the Affairs of the Chippewas
concerned in the Treaty of 1837 for near fourteen years. -
Their localities, views and feelings cannot but be better
known here than in another Quarter. So far at least as
a disinterested knowledge of facts can be of any service
in bringing the subject to view, and in a manner at
all calculated to meet the just expectations of the Indians
and to serve the public interest, unconnected with
individual opinions whose views are well understood.

Early in May a Communication was
received at this office from the Agent at Lapointe
enclosing a talk for the Chief "Hole in the Day" accom-
panied by a request that it should be sent as expeditiously
as possible. that the Chippewas might through him
be apprised of the fact of the payment this year of
their Annuity at Lapointe and that their Connecti-
ons would be paid at the same place & so to inform

An Express of two men was accordingly dispatched
to the Upper Mississippi who have not as yet returned to
this Agency -
His Excellency Gov. Lucas

With high Respect &c
Saml. A. Jones

The sum of \$50,000 remains at this Post for half Bounties -
 6,000 in Liquidation of past debts of Chaparras
 whereas the whole sum for payment of past debts ought
 to have been paid here - as the Creditors in fact reside
 here - How these funds are to get to Lapointe in
 Season I know not. =

Governor.

Office N Western Agency St. Peters
 Upper Mississipp. June 3rd 1839

I nominate respect fully for the considera-
 -tion of the Department. Oliver Carter as Smith for the
 Lower Sioux - to date from the first day July, and
 William Manning as Assistant Smith from the 1st
 of June inst - also the following Citizens as Farmers
 for the several bands of Sioux under the 5th clause
 2^d Art of the Treaty of Washington of the 29th of Sept
 1837. viz J. S. Stevens, Oliver Farnibault, Peter Quinn
 and John Stotters. Severally to take effect from
 and after the first day of July 1839. which said
 nominations complete all the manual labor &
 forces expected under the provisions of the Treaty
 aforesaid. =

With high respect Sir
 Your most obedt
 Servt
 Saml Salasfero

His Excellency
 Gov Robert Lucas
 Supr of Ind Affairs
 at Burlington
 For Iowa Territory

Major

North Western Agency St. Peters
 Upper Mississipp. June 7. 1839

By the S. B. Aitch. I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date
 the 28th of May inst. together with all the Provisionary
 Stated to have been shipped by Messrs Choate & Co for this
 Agency for the Sioux under the 2^d art of the Treaty of
 Washington of Sept 29 1837 in good order -

The Season for further shipments it is
 feared, will have passed. before the Office
 at Washington can be apprised of the necessity
 of an early fulfilment of duty stipulated
 with the North Western Indians. -

It is not proper that I should
 remind the Dept of the vast importance to my
 own standing among the Indians. That our Treaty
 be fulfilled at a time when it can be done
 with ease, and comparatively small expense. -

As long as goods are procured East no
 matter on whose contract in that Quarter. The
 Requests to suit the tribes will not be
 complied with. nor will they reach their
 destination - to give satisfaction in any respect

The Comd. had best leave these matters with
 you. =

With high respect Sir
 Major Joshua Pelcher
 Supr of Ind Affairs
 at St Louis
 Mo.

For north West
 Saml Salasfero
 Enclav Agent
 at St. Louis

Governor.

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi June 8th 1839

Great Storeage of Goods in my own house in connection with the frail public building attached to this Agency is ^{not} sufficient for the security of one fourth of the Ammunition, and Treaty Stipulations due the Sioux under the Treaty of 1835 and 1837.

The Agent is put to great inconvenience, and must necessarily in the present condition ^{of things} meet at various times with considerations ^{of things} unavoidable in the discharge of the duties of receiving, and disbursing for the Indians - and particularly at the present site of the Agency. —

If it cannot be afforded by the Department to meet the expenses of removal from my present position to a point at "Lands End" two miles up the St. Peters this season - a war horse is absolutely indispensable on the banks of the River - which would save much expense, and more trouble - The sum of four thousand dollars would meet the expenses of removals at this time - and when it is considered that for twenty years no appropriations over eight hundred dollars has ever been made for this object, and even that sum never united & but partially expended - it would seem but just that this important section should have at least one half the amount of funds for buildings that has been expended at our Agency ^{alone} on the Lakes.

To retain the Agents - it is only necessary to ship them the money, and goods of the tribes in the absence of any proper means of security and the "Story will with ^{them} ~~them~~ ^{be} told."

Other importunous work upon the prompt transfer of the Agency to the point before indicated - It is too near the troops and the Indians in passing, re-passing, and encamping on lands contiguous to the Fort - built down & burn up the fencing of all enclosures - and the public cattle, and other stock choused by idle boys, & at times shot or often killed if not by neighbouring Indians - by other more wilds from a distance - In fact it is well understood here by the Commanding Officer and myself that we are now in the region of whiskey dealers - these evils must & will increase from this additional cause of excitement.

Therefore it would seem sound policy at once to remove this Agency to a convenient point upon the River St. Peters.

With high respect
your most obedient

His Excellency
Governor Robt Lucas
Super Intd Affairs
at Burlington

Saml Palfreys
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Governor.

North Western Agency St. Peters.
Upper Mississippi June 10th 1839

I have deemed it most advisable that the enclosed paper addressed to the Agent, and Commanding Officer on this station - by the Chippewa Chief - "Hole in the Day" should be forwarded to you - The Indians addressing us being within your Excellency's superintendency.

It may be well to add that a similar document was on the 4th inst forwarded to the Superintendent for Iowa - proceeding from the Chiefs of the St. Louis - a copy of which I have the honor herewith to enclose. I may differ with some - but never the less when

in the discharge of a public duty, and however delicate the task may be of intruding ^{upon the Dept} ~~unasked~~ or uncalled for opinions upon the conditions of things, or of a people in any section of the Indian Territory. I assume to premise such as are claimed in my own judgment to be of importance to the public weal. - Then it was ~~with~~ expedient to dispatch with the Sub Agency for the Chippewas of the Upper Mississippi - on the contrary the Sub Agency ought to have been given these unfortunate people, and not asked to go to LaPointe. where they never will consent to receive their annuity, or any portion of it. - I know the Chippewas well and may have as much influence with them as most men - but it would not be prudent even for me to impose upon them either the importance or necessity of the measure proposed of traveling hundreds of miles from their homes with their numerous families through such a country.

The Council further transport heavy articles nor even their provisions from LaPointe on Lake Superior to their homes. Some men in that position can be found to buy them, and I really hope for the sake of peace, and friendship with the Chippewas & our vendors - that their just views may be met at an early day.

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 10 1839

I deem it to be most advisable that enclosed paper addressed to the Agent and Comdg. Officer on this Station from the Chippewas Chief "Hole in the Day" should be forwarded to you the Indians addressing us being within your excellencies Superintendency. - It may be well to add that a similar document proceeding from the Chippewas Chief of St. Louis was on the 4th inst forwarded for the information of the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington.

The Consolidation of the two Chippewa Sub Agencies, and located at LaPointe it is feared may lead to rather unpleasant results. - I know the Chippewas well, and may have as much influence with them of the Mississippi particularly as most men. - yet even I to say "you are not to have an Agent in your own country - and you must go to LaPointe in all time to come for your annuity and treaty stipulations. I should not expect to hold their confidence for one day."

His Excellency -
Governor Henry Dodge
Super. Ind. Affairs
at Mineral Point
for Wisconsin

With respect for
your me & the day
Saml. Salaferra
Indian Agent
at LaPointe

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 13 1839

The pay accounts of Peter Quinn as Interpreter for the Chippewas of the Crow wing Sub Agency for two months of January, February and March 1839. as forwarded to the Acting Agent at this Post. have been turned over - but are some what informal. Mr Quinn seems not to have been notified of a discontinuance of his services but which have resumed up to this date, and may no doubt be essential to us here until the 30th of this month - up to which time I hope you will endeavor to have him paid as he is just from the Chippewa Country - having been sent on pressing official business.

With high respect Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Superior Ind. Affairs
General Post
for Wisconsin

Lawrence
Indian Agent
At St Louis

Major

North Western Agency Station
Upper Miss of Septe June 14th 1839

The Contract and Bonds of James McPike for certain Supplies under the 2nd and 6th Clause of the Treaty of Washington of the 29. Sept 1837. and which you will find here with the enclosed - was this day fully, and faithfully complied with in every item and particular in connection with the Cattle, and horse supplies. -

The Certificates, and except for the delivery you will find on the back of of his Contract - The Chiefs and Head men seem fully pleased, and say they now only wait for the balance of the \$10,000 supplies, which was left on an open Contract with P. Leconteau & Co. when such exact more comfort - The government suffers much in the estimation of the Indians from delay in the fulfillment of Treaty stipulations - You will understand the situation of an Agent - when that of every earthly means of doing good, or procuring relief or even to give proper explanations when called upon. -

I have this day 870 Indians present Yanktonas, Sissetons, Wahpaukooton - Wahpooton, and Aradawa Kiantons from all quarters & not one plug of Tobacco or provisions in store. -

With high respect Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt

Major J. Pelcher
Superior Ind. Affairs
At St Louis

Lawrence
Indian Agent
At St Louis

Governor

North Western Agency St Paul
Upper Mississippi June 16. 1839

I have been ~~personally~~ solicited by a number of respectable half breeds Chippewas resident, and others of the Mississippi interested directly in the \$100,000 set apart in the treaty of July 29. 1837 of St Paul to ask for such information as to the final disposal of this sum as may be in your possession. —

The claimants refuse to have learned through the medium of an unofficial letter from the Hon Lucas Lyon to H. H. Seely Esq of this Post that the funds in question as well as the debts of the Chippewas to the traders was to be distributed by him as Commissioner of the United States at La Pointe on Lake Superior and for this purpose he should reach that point on or about the 10th of July. —

The individuals asking this information are those who were so greatly instrumented in bringing your labours at the treaty aforesaid to a successful issue in opposition to the combination then formed to defeat the wishes of the Government. — There remains \$56,000 in specie at this Post being the one half ^{of the sum} applicable to the objects in contemplation, and upon which the authorities here have had as yet no official instructions to retain, or to transfer. — Some special information from you would release the minds of a set of wretched poor people, and who fear the entire loss of their claims. —

With high respect Sir
Yours most obedt
Saml Saliaferro
Indian Agent &c

His Excellency
Gov. Henry Dodge
Super In Affairs
for Wisconsin

General

North Western Agency St Paul
Upper Mississippi June 17. 1839

A few days past. I had the honor to receive by Mr. Salomon your favor of the 27th of May together with the letter of the Com. of Indian Affairs touching the case of Charlotte Masello. a half breed Sioux who had failed to receive a portion of the 110,000 \$ set apart in the Sioux treaty of 1837. —

The proverbial indulgence of these people may in this instance have caused this poor family the loss of 3,000 \$. There were however some two hundred and twenty claimants and over two hundred claims, and still less with on the actual connections of the Minnawakanton Sioux. —

I presented in person to the Commissioners all the families, and individuals filing claims at this office — all of whom received their respective portions. — The family of Salomon was not personally known to me as they were from Red River of the North. — I have requested the Chiefs however to take her present distressed condition into their most earnest consideration in the hope of some aid from their Amenity. — The I deem the prospect rather gloomy. — There is no discussion in the matter relative to the interest on the 300,000 \$. It is stipulated to be invested in the first clause of the 2^d Art of the Treaty. — Nor do I see upon what grounds the Dept can expect, or direct an allowance ~~in the form~~ to Mr. Salomon's unconnected with the consent of the Indians in her favor. — I shall not fail at the next Annual payments however to urge what is practicable in the matter having reference to the peculiar conditions of things & the hardships of her condition. —

With high respect Sir
Hon G. W. Jones
Commissioner
Missouri

With high respect Sir
Yr. friend truly &c
Saml Saliaferro

Governor

North Western Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi June 17. 1839

On the 20th of May past I dispatched
Peter Quinn Express to the Chippewas of the Upper Mississippi
with a letter from May & P. Bushnell Agent for the
Treaty at Lapointe - notifying the Indians and half
breeds that they would be paid at Lapointe here-
after, and at an earlier period than the last
year - I informed you of the result of his
mission on the 10th inst. enclosing at the same
time the written sentiments of the principal
Chief for his people -

I now forward by Express a
second communication from the same source
received late last night - I would make
a plain copy, but have not time. So the original
is sent - In five days there will be a large
body of Chippewas here and they cannot be
stopped - there are now also 880 Sioux from
remote sections of the country at this Post -
and of course we may calculate on some
difficulty between these old enemies -

Your presence is deemed essential
or such instructions as may soothe the angry
feelings of the Chippewas - on account of the
direction given to their Amenity & Treaty Stipula-
tions.

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Super. In Affairs

Mineral Point

Wisconsin

With high respect

Yours most truly

L. S. P. M. P.

Indian Agent

At St. Louis

Governor

North Western Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi June 17. 1839

I have this day forwarded by Express
to you several recent communications
with Shoup talks from the Chippewas Chippewas
to the direction given to their Amenity, and thus
they have sooner die than be compelled to go to Lapointe
on Lake Superior - I close you this hasty letter
to say that we are likely to experience difficulty
at this Post in a few days - from this cause
and the absence of the treaty stipulations for
the Sioux - delays and dangerous in matters
concerning Indian intercourse, and what we
are bound to perform in good faith -
There are 880 Sioux here from remote sections
of their country, and in five days nearly as
many of the Chippewas will be certainly
expected (looked for) and cannot be stopped as
their feelings are highly excited upon the
direction given by the Agent to their Amenity
and Treaty Stipulations this year. This matter
is likely to involve us in trouble here with
their people & the two tribes who are most inveterate
enemies - Mr. McKee fulfilled his cattle
contract on the 14th inst. in good faith, and thus
in connection with the receipt of \$5,500 in
Provisions under the Treaty of 1837 is all that keeps
the Indians somewhat as cool as to the fulfill-
ment of the demand of what is due to them -
which I trust may soon arrive & thereby
dispel all fears & relieve the Agent of all further
embarrassment - Whiskey dealers are about
us & our Soldiers are becoming restless
and disorganized with some desertions

disorders - but so far as the Indians are concerned every effort will be made to circumvent their schemes in their designs upon them and their money -

His Excellency
Gov. Robert Lucas
Ind. Affairs
Burlington
Iro. Iowa Ter.

Indian Agency, Peters

As per Miss. p. p. Jan 18/1839

To my old friend "Hole in the Day". Chief of the Upper Mississippian - & to all my friends the Chiefs and Braves of the Chippewas - I shake hands with you all -

My friends - Your two talks have been received, and I have listened to your words - & sent off this day by Express to your Father Governor Dodge - both the letters sent by you to me -

My friends - Hold fast when you and until the right news comes from your Father who made the Treaty with you.

My friends - You are told to go to La Pointe to receive your pay - this news I sent you by Mr. Quinn as it came from Mr. Bashnell your Agent -

My friends - I am your old, and true friend now listen - If you can hear at this time - there will be trouble - as there are near 1,000 Sioux here from all parts of their Country - and many do mischief - They are all here and working like you for the receipt of their Annuity -

My friend - Your Great Father the President will

soon attend to your wants & your wishes - and will fulfill all he has promised - You cannot expect ever to be paid here - for all of us know that this would bring trouble -

My friend - Many of the Chippewas ask to be paid on the S. Coin or on their own lands - when the news comes from your Father (Gov Dodge) or from La Pointe again you shall have it at once - if sent by this way -

My friend - The Sioux are so many that they are starving for food - I have none to give them from the Fort -

If your people were here it would be worse still - our Soldiers have nothing to spare, and it may be thirty days or more before the Sioux receive their payment -

I send this talk by Steven Bonpas your friend who throws the truth of all things told you in this letter - we want to see no more trouble between you and the Sioux - so be still - until you hear the right news - for when it comes - which will be soon you shall have it from your old friend

Lawrence
Indian Agent

A.B. To be further Explained (As I Please)

1. That the Chief coming to this Post will not affect his rights one day longer - as to his wish to see Gov Dodge as the former will not be here -
2. I as Agent for the Sioux cannot nor will not be responsible for any bloods shed here between them - The Sioux are many - and some among so many wild Indians will do this thing -

The general sentiment of the Nation is peace - but all their people cannot be watched -

Gouverneur

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi June 24/1839

I forward for the information of the Office of Indian Affairs. Certain remarks of the Chiefs of the Chippewas assembled on the waters of the Upper Mississippi in Special Council assembled at Fort Snelling on the 21st inst. before the Commanding Officer and the Agent for this Station. After the Chiefs, and Head men had concluded - we addressed the Council plainly & explicitly on the bearings of their mission and status to the Indians. The necessity of proceeding at once on to Lapointe & that if they were not satisfied upon the receipt of this year's Annuitie on Lake Superior. The subject could be brought to the notice of the Department by their Agent and the Commissioner who had recently been appointed to meet them there, and no doubt was entertained by us but that their views would be met in a manner more satisfactory when their distance, locators & other matters in connection with a just distribution of the funds to the proper Claimants. There is fairly understood by the Office - The Chiefs seemed strongly impressed with the idea that Mr Crooks, & others having official connections with the Government had "abused the ears of the President" which caused the great injustice done them in the removal of their Agent & fixing the payment of their Annuities at a point when it was known they could not nor would not go. let come what would.

I am here to sustain the views of the Government - & not to fix Council, or to force my ~~views~~ & opinions upon the Office in opposition

to those ^{persons} of more experience, and better qualified to face than one of my slender abilities, or ^{Respected} ~~experienced~~ in reference to the general concerns of this or any other tribe of Indians in the North West. I cannot however but feel regret at the present condition of things. Knowing as I do the certainty of coming difficulties to the Country unless we put aside the suppositions of interested persons - & receive such as may seem to us long & continuous peace on the part of a tribe ~~which~~ ^{thoroughly} disposed to be our friends - but from an unaccountable fatality attending their long position of neglect - are ^{now} becoming as thoroughly prejudiced ^{against the Government} ~~and~~ ^{as} those who may be seen through this mist "laughing in their sleeves" at the dilemma in which the Government is placed by defending others with misrepresentations of the true state, and condition of things for their benefit. There are for your better information families there - here called - Eastern & Western influences - The Eastern from the emigration of the tribes in the nation of things has become sensibly jealous of the favorable position of the Western Monopoly as it is termed - hence it is rendered plain that between the two other more important interests those of the Indians, and the Government and in the most eminent danger of being sacrificed on the Shelves of the Golden Calyx.

Jno. Lucas

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt Servt
Lawrence
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Governor

North Western Agency St. Louis
Upper Miss. June 25 1839

I have this moment the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 21st inst by return Express & have at once given your sentiments fully to the Chippewa Chiefs who seem much alarmed upon the subject of their Annuitie & Treaty stipulations for 1839. They ask me to inform you to stand by them in their present dilemma, & have them paid on the St. Louis - not only their people but their help bands, furs, and relations.

There are nearly 890 souls here of the Chippewa Nation of the Upper Mississippi who have not the means even here they are inclined to reach Lapointe - in fact they are in a wretched condition from want. These people can be safely paid for years to come at the Falls of the St. Louis and by so doing they would continue to remain our warm friends - we must now consider them dangerous people (if pushed too far) or find this country involved in extensive difficulty. I do not know if I may have time to give you the result of two Councils within a day or two past before the Agent and Comd Officer on this Station -

The wishes of certain Chiefs to visit the President this fall will be forwarded to you -

With high respect Sir

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

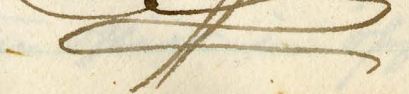
Suprt of Ind. Affairs
for Wisconsin

Your most obedt Servt

San Palafonso

Indian Agent

(At St. Louis)



Major

North Western Agency St. Louis
Upper Mississippi June 25 1839

Your letter of the 5th inst with duplicate receipts forwarded for my signature for the Season Provision Contract for 1839 having this day been received. I have accordingly to your request been duly authenticated & am herewith returned to your Office -

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Maj Joshua Pilcher
Suprt of Ind. Affairs
at St. Louis

San Palafonso

Indian Agent

(At St. Louis)



Governor

North Western Agency St. Louis

Upper Mississippi June 26 1839

I have herewith forwarded for the information of your Excellency the request of certain Chippewa Chiefs to visit the President and if authorized they would desire to take with them not exceeding ten or twelve best comfort with the views of the department. This request is not new to you, and if I were permitted to give an opinion - it would be in favour of granting them proper all they ask - when it is known how much neglected their section of Country has been of late years, and that the visit in question would under all the circumstances of their particular position on this frontier prove of great and lasting advantage to our future intercourse with the most warlike of all the Chippewa Nations - The personal attachment of the Chiefs may have induced them to propose me as their conductor - yet I presume some other fit person in whom they have equal confidence might prove as acceptable as myself in such a matter -

His Excellency

Gov Henry Dodge

San Palafonso



Governor

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Miss. July 26 1839

Not less than 870 of the Chippewas of the Mississippi have assembled at this Post and are much disappointed at the news of their having to go to LaPointe on Lake Superior to receive their payment for 1839. The Comd Officer & myself have done all we could to induce them to make proper to proceed to the point indicated - but all in vain.

Gov. Doug has been fully apprised of the state of things and as these Indians are within his Excellency's Superintendency he will of course communicate the fact to the Department.

Now as to our affairs here - the Indians are becoming somewhat impatient as to the receipt of their Annuitly stipulations for 1839. The Ninth Boat has arrived here this season & yet they see nor hear nothing - This has a bad effect.

The yearly allotment of funds for this Agency has not been received, and the hired men have not been paid for nine months. I am preparing with 2150 Indians present in connection with other difficulties to encounter as well as I can under all circumstances.

With high respect by
Yours for order
His Excellency
Gov. Robert Lucas
Super Indian Affairs
Burlington
For Dowd Ferry
Luis Salasferro
Ind. Agent
J. J.

Sir

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Miss. July 1st 1839

Your letter dated LaPointe April 10. was received at this office on the 12th of May, and on the 21st I started an Express to the Chief "Hole in the Day" with the letter enclosed for him. There being no other medium of communication than the one adopted so as to be in season to meet the views of the Dept. Several hundred of the Mississippi Chippewas have just left this Post on their return home, having utterly refused to attend for their payment this year, at the seat of your Sub Agency. Who urged to do so by the Commanding Officer & myself in a Special Council called by the Chiefs on the 21st of June.

I am disposed to believe that the disaffected portion of the Chippewas - being those directly interested in the sale of the lands can would for this year receive their Annuitly at the "Fond du Lac" if transported there. Some few accompanying a Mr. Atkins & leave here this day for your place with him. Some thousand Chippewas claim a voice in the disposal of the goods & money under the Treaty of July 29. 1837. Who will not be represented, and if at all but partially. I deem it to be a public duty to apprise you of this state of things.

I am, Sir, with great respect
Yours most obedient
Maj. D. P. Bushnell
Ag't for Chippewas
LaPointe C. T.
Luis Salasferro
Ind. Agent

Governor

North Western Agency -
St. Peters Upper Miss July 1. 1839

Under a Representation of the Department
I have the honor herewith to forward for the infor-
mation of the Office at Washington Duplicate Abstracts
of Decrees granted at this Agency during the
Month of June 1839. for the Trade -

Which are respectfully submitted for Consideration

His Excellency -

Gov. Robert Lucas
Suprt Ind Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa Terr

With high respect Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Saml. Salasencia

Indian Agent

at St. Peters

North Western Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi July 2. 1839

Governor

Improper influences may be brought

to bear upon the decision of the Department with
reference to the final disposition of "Wabasha's band"
bands of Sioux as on a former occasion and this
detriment of Indians permitted through the previous
dispositions engineered by mal councils on the part
of certain individuals at Pease du Chien prevented
from exercising their own judgment, and is
thereby given this office much unnecessary
trouble - This band of 209 souls are now at
the head of their old village west of the Miss-
sippi nearly equidistant from this Post & Pease du
Chien and from which point it is now in
contemplation to remove them - as the position
is a good one for agricultural purposes

Schools &c & a Shop has been put in place at the request
of the chiefs of the two lower bands and at a point deemed
by them most convenient for their purpose These bands have
been furnished with Farmers who have taken charge of
their work cattle & other stock and who in addition will
soon be supplied with Wagon Carts ploughs &c in the
mean time houses can be erected & hay cut with all
needful arrangements in order to carry into speedy effect
the views of the Department under the stipulations of
the Treaty of 1837. A re-transfer of "Wabasha's" band
of the Chippewa & Menominee Tribes to this Agency is deemed
to be essential to the public interest and of vital
importance in promoting their future welfare and as
people - The bands in question it is to be understood
was paid here last year in connection with the
other six bands of the same tribes parties to the Treaty
of Sept 29th 1837 - and expressed satisfaction in all
that was done touching the mode of distributing
the annuity and treaty stipulations among the
several bands - I am concurring in my own
opinion of the propriety as well as the necessity of
the measure proposed of transferring the Indians
in question to this Agency and respectfully ask
the speedy action of the Office of Indian Affairs -

With high respect Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

His Excellency

Governor Robert Lucas

Suprt of Ind Affairs

at Burlington

for Iowa Terr

Saml. Salasencia

Indian Agent

at St. Peters

Governor

North western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 4. 1839

The Chippewas on leaving this Post on the morning of the 1st inst left some Stragglers from the Pelee bands who on the 2^d in the morning early passed across the country, and near the Sioux Agency on Lake Harriet. Killed & scalped a highly respectable man of the Medawakanton Sioux -

This unfortunate occurrence has produced the following results to the two Nations -

Report of this day -

Battle on the St. Croix -

Sioux Killed 3 - wounded 8
Chippewas 23 " do not know

Battle of Rum River

Sioux Killed 7 - wounded 18
Chippewas 105 " do not know

The Chippewas produced this difficulty after solemn pledges on both sides on the 29th & 30th of June to remain as peace for one year at least, and for inflicting upon this people harm with the consequences which is to be deplored, and which ^{neither} human reason ^{nor} foresight could prevent -

With high respect for

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Superior Indian Affairs
at Burlington
Iowa Territory

Yours most obedt Servt
San Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peters

Governor

North western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 7. 1839

On the 4th inst I had the honor to give you nothing more than a short Statement of the recent difficulty between the Sioux, and Chippewas on Lake St. Croix, and near Rum River - with a ^{list} ~~statement~~ as far as was known of the killed and wounded on both sides - Several of the Sioux have died since of wounds received in action -

I am much also that neither human reason nor foresight could prevent the unfortunate conflicts of the 3^d between these old enemies in consequence of the provocation given by the Chippewas - It was early for the proper Authorities there to interfere for the best reason in the world - because most of the Sioux had gotten beyond all control and were from seven to nine miles distant from the Agency and many at a greater distance in warm persons -

I commended this explanation, and exposition at the particular request of the Chiefs of the Sioux in Council yesterday at this Office to ^{in presence of} Maj. Plympton Cook and myself - to give a correct account of their transaction with the Chippewas, & the causes which lead to it - saying as they remarked that the "President might receive information from some quarter (not well informed of all the facts) wholly at variance with the truth. -

The Chiefs express sincere regret for the killing of the women & children of their old enemies - they ~~regret~~ but follow the example of the Chippewas on a former occasion and trust that as the feelings of the Sioux are of the most friendly character for the President & his Nation - and hope ever to remain so - They will not forget what they heard from him in Washington nor will the marks of respect placed by him on their necks -

and for this determination earnestly hoped
for their favour in his eyes which their ~~determination~~
~~to~~ future from Council may justify -

I will remark in conclusion as I understand
the Subject of the late rupture between
the tribes referred to - it would seem to be a matter
between them & with which the public authorities
have but little to do more than to use every
effort to prevent as far as practicable and
similar occurrence.

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Supr Ind Affairs
at Burlington
Iowa Territory

With high respect
your most obedt
servt
San Jacinto
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Now J. H. Crawford
Comm. Ind Affairs
Sir

North Western Agency St Louis
Upper Mississippi July 9. 1839

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 1st of June - relative
to the Missionary establishment of Mr. Brown among
the Sioux - and as far as this Agency is concerned
the policy of the government ~~is~~ as understood
in connection with the fostering of Missionary
and their establishments in the Indian Country
there have been protection & sustenance whether
popular or not with the tribes - The Character
of the Rev A Brown for misrepresentation
is too prominent to admit of a doubt either
here or at Prairie du Chien - I respectfully
refer for the truth of this to Genl Brooke

~~Let~~ the Officers & Respectable Citizens of Prairie du Chien.
I enclose forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter to
~~the Office of Indian Affairs in reply to one from Mr~~
Brownson to this Office of the 8th of April under the reply
of the Department to communications to which you
refer.

Now J. H. Crawford
Comm. Ind Affairs
Sir

North Western Agency St Louis
Upper Mississippi July 10 1839

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of date the 1st of June ~~post~~ relative
to the Missionary establishment of the Rev. Mr. Brownson
among the Sioux - The Department may not approve
that as far as I understand the policy of the government
even handed justice has been rendered out to all the
Missionary Stations within this Agency and under this
impression the course laid down for my line of conduct
during the period of my ~~last~~ ^{long} sojourn here - will not
be found objectionable to the public service - while I shall object
to dictations from any of the Missionary gentlemen
^{I will} ~~not~~ submit to be misrepresented, or ~~misrepresented~~
without returning a "Howlands for them Oliver."

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter to Mr. Brownson
in reply to a communication from him to this Office
dated at Prairie du Chien April the 8th 1839, and other
copies have been transmitted as therein indicated.
The views of the Dept as to the building, under the name
of the Mission of Little Crow - have been anticipated

With high respect
your most obedt servt

San Jacinto
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 10. 1839

I deem it my duty to enclose herewith a copy of my report of the 11th inst. to the Office detailing the truly unwelcome as well as unfortunate conflicts between the Chippewas and Sioux on the 3^d of July which occurred on Lake St. Clair & Rain River some forty miles from this Post.

His Excellency  With high respect Sir
Governor Henry Dodge } Your most obedt
Supt for Wisconsin } Servt
Saul Salasferro

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 10. 1839

I nominate respectfully to the office of Indian Affairs for confirmation - John Holton of Pennsylvania as Farmer for "Little Crow" Bands of Medewakanton Sioux in place of Thomas W. Pope resigned, and leaving the country.

I also beg leave to name Anthony Papin as Smith for the Sioux under the treaty of July 15th 1830 to fill the vacancy of O. Carter transferred. The foregoing persons have been taken into service and have been upon duty since the 1st inst, and from which date their contracts have been dated and filed in this office.

His Excellency

Governor ~~Henry Dodge~~

Robert Lucas

Supt of Indi Affairs

Burlington

Iowa Terr

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt

Saul Salasferro

Indian Agent

at St. Peters

Sir.

North Western Agency Station
Upper Miss. of Miss. July 12. 1839

In the discharge of your official duties as Interpreter for the Sioux and in your intercourse either public or private with the Indians or the Military, and Citizens of this Post. you will be courteous, and respectful in your deportment at all times, and in all situations. While you observe this line of conduct you will at the same time be cautious not to render any language into Sioux which may have a tendency to create unfriendly feelings or to heap the minds of the Indians. and it is made your especial duty to decline to render for any one other than for the purposes of public duty under the direction of the Official Agent in Charge of the Office of Indian Affairs at this Post, and for the Officer Commanding the troops at this Station. Therefore you will when called upon out of the line of your duty by irresponsible persons - to interpret for the ears of the Indians - decline respectfully as before stated and refer such persons to this Office.

Very respectfully

Your obedt Servt.

Lacau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter
#Scott Campbell Sen
U.S. Interpreter
for Sioux
#

Governor.

North Western Agency Station
Upper Miss. of Miss. July 12. 1839

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several Communications of the 26 of April & 15th of May from the Office of Indian Affairs. together with yours of the 12th & 13th ultimo.

Those containing instructions upon the subject of the Vaccination of the Indians within this Agency has at once been put in course of execution and will be carried out it is hoped to the satisfaction of the Office.

I regret the inability of the Agency for Sacs & Foxes to obtain the surrender of the Wahpauk Moota Sioux woman. now a prisoner with three confederate tribes. it is but a poor commentary upon the energy or efficiency of the Department.

I am satisfied that he cannot prevent the frequent incursions of these tribes upon the Sioux but he might obtain the release of the Prisoner.

For Example. In 1823. I left this Post with nine Sioux Indians, and proceeded to the Fox Village below Dubucyrre, and returned in fifteen days with a Yankton Sioux woman. whom they had intended to sacrifice.

His Excellency

Governor Robert Lucas
Super of Indian Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa TerrWith high respect
Your obedt Servt.Lacau Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St. Peter
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Governor

North Western Agency Station
N. W. Miss. July 12. 1839

The funds men of this Agency have not been paid for the last three-quarters of the year 1839 - and we are thus far advanced in the 4th and last quarter and no allotment for these or any other objects in connection with the fiscal operations of this Agency have as yet been received.

I have necessarily had to borrow funds to discharge the obligations of the government to those leaving the Service.

I shall be greatly embarrassed in the efficient ~~discharge~~ and satisfactory discharge of my duties here should the Department fail to remit for the whole year ending September the 30th 1839. Such funds as we must necessarily be paid under the various heads of appropriation.

I aim to do what is just and of interest to the Department and hope to be sustained.

His Excellency

Governor Robert Lucas

Super. Ind. Affairs

Burlington

for Lewis Ferris

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt Serv

Samuel P. Allen

Indian Agent

at St. Louis

North Western Agency Station
N. W. Miss. July 15 1839
Hon. T. H. Crawford
Comm. Ind. Affairs
Sir

After an arduous service of twenty seven years in the Army and Department of Indian Affairs in a high latitude I am from infirmities in the necessarily compelled to tender you this as the resignation of my public Trust as Agent for Indian Affairs at this Post and would be pleased that the same should take effect from and after the 31st day of December next.

I ask this indulgence of the Department in order to enable me to close up satisfactorily to all parties my long official connection with the government.

The fiscal year including all the Annual Statements, and returns will be rendered in accordance with the Rules and additional Regulations. That the Office may not suffer the slightest interruption.

With high respect Sir
Your most obedt Serv

Samuel P. Allen

Indian Agent

at St. Louis

How I heartily commend North Western Agency
Comm. Affairs. Upper Mississippi July 15/1839
Sir

I have the foreword for the information and action of the Office of Indian Affairs the resignation of my appointment as Agent for Indian Affairs at this Post. The duties of which Station it is confidently believed that I have honestly and faithfully discharged to the best of my judgment, and ability during my long term of twenty years on this interesting frontier - and if it has not been in my power to command success at least I have done my best to deserve it.

In reviewing my whole official career for near twenty seven years in the Service of the Government. I have only to regret a disposition too yielding for my own personal ease and popularity. Yet if I have suffered in a just cause. I have no reason to complain if the Government has been benefited, and the helpless protected. In discharging my long official connection with the Department it is not my wish to be thrown entirely out of view - but shall hold myself in readiness to lend my feeble aid at any moment when deemed requisite or essential to the public interest or connected with our Indian Affairs in this or any other section of Indian territory. That this portion of Country will at no distant day give much dispute to our border people admits not of a doubt - therefore it becomes the Department well to reflect as to the Character & qualifications of the individual who must necessarily

Succeed me in the management of the varied ~~and~~ of the and complex duties of this Agency - The mere fact now of my having passed so many years with the ~~Seneca~~ and even the Chippewas is sufficient in most cases to have a powerful hold upon their feelings - Confirmed in the mind being as once a willing ear with Savages, and the more white men may trade and satisfy their friends the firmer and closer do they adhere to him - I have had the good fortune to experience this trait in the Indians of this Agency to its fullest extent - Truly great is the clasp of the well informed Indians at my determination to leave them ^{in their country} indefinitely - I have refused to all that I must go elsewhere to die. My health has become so much impaired that another winter cannot be passed in this latitude with safety. That their views and the laws of the land come in direct opposition - hence it was and to myself to seek a more congenial climate. Finally Sir in taking leave of you and the highly esteemed friends in your Office. I shall ever feel proud of the distinguished countenance, and support which it has been my good fortune to receive from them both officially and privately.

NB.

With high respects for
Your most obedt. Servt.
Saml. Salisferro

I have the sad consolation of leaving after twenty seven years. The public Service as poor as when first I entered. The only evidence of my industry will Schoolcraft & some one or two others believe this of the oldest Agent in the Dept?

Governor-

North Western Agency Office
Upper Miss. July 16th 1839

I have the honor herewith to enclose two communications to you for the Office of Indian Affairs - the contents of which I enclose may not transfer before the period fixed - namely the 31. day of December next.

I have also forwarded an Extra Estimate for funds to close the fiscal year to Sept 30 1839. I feel equal to meet with the Office the revenue every possible facility to its general operations, and if promptly supplied with means which must necessarily at some time be paid - necessarily may for a time keep pace with my exertions.

There is much complaint from all quarters at this date, and have ventured strong assurances that the return mail will enable me to meet every proper just expectation of both the Indians and whites in the employ of this Office.

With high respect for
your most Obedt Servt

His Excellency -
Gov Robert Lucas.

Super Ind Affairs
Burlington
for (Dowd Terrell)

San Sabafeno

John A. Paul
W. J. P. King

Major.

North Western Agency Office
Upper Miss. July 23. 1839

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. - with duplicate receipts enclosed for forty six packages of goods - which I have signed a receipt to request and are herewith returned to your office -

The ~~arrival~~ ^{appearance} of the Stella ^{here} was the signal for my departure from this Post - had not the annually goods arrived - & for your promptitude of action in forwarding the packages at the third cannot as yet be distributed - you have my sincere acknowledgments.

I will find storage for the goods from where, and only regret the absence of the \$10,000 in specie ~~which~~ if this sum cannot be had in season before it may be proper to say that there remains here in the hands of St. Louis some \$56,000 - and out of which - I wish to give the Indians. I may be empowered to draw from this fund what may be required for this or any other purpose for distribution here - I beg you will see if the balance of the sum of \$10,000. which I wish to P. Chotano to supply (which provision ought to have been completed with last year by the Sept) cannot be sent on - if not be prepared to obtain of him the specie accounts - for the Corte - weapons - ploughs &c already furnished that these may be turned over to the Farmers - for the Indian ^{only}.

It is known here that I am covertly & even openly threatened with assassination because of the remissness of the office in ^{not} fulfilling in a satisfactory manner the very easy & plain treaty stipulations of 1837. with the Sioux - and you may assure the office that if my Estimates are not fully & promptly

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for the year ending Sept 30 1830. it will be considered that the government cannot sustain me in my position here as connected with the Indians. and painful as it may be - a sense of duty to myself will compel my immediate departure from this Post - Under the provisions of the Treaty of July the 15th 1830. not one article seems to be noticed & the tribes parties to that treaty especially are in a suffering condition - The Requests have all been filed with both the office at Washington and those of the late Disbursing Agency at St Louis -

I protest against any division of the Amenity of 1831. at any other Post than this - between the several bands of the Mandan, Arikara & Sioux parties to that Treaty. This Agency is the proper point of delivery of Amenity for all the Sioux in connection with it -

I have received not a word from the office as to the allotment of funds intended for this Agency for the year now nearly passed. -

With high respect Sir

Your most obedt
Saml Davis
Indian Agency
at St Peters

Major Joshua Pelcher
Supt of Ind Affairs
At St Louis

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North Western Agency St Peter
To Messrs Pelcher & Co Upper Mississippi July 23rd 1831
Gentlemen 3

Your favour of the 19th inst per Matter with Bill of Lading for 246 packages of Merchandise for Sioux has just been received. -

I refering to your request for further instructions upon my Requestion for axes hoes. tools &c in addition to those already supplied. - I have to refer you to such instructions as Maj Pelcher may be happy and to receive soon from the Com^d of Indian Affairs when the Bill for \$5620. may be completed, and forwarded. - Should there be however much delay in the fulfilment of this important matter. - you will be pleased to return me Duplicate Bills for the Coats, Wapons, ploughs &c already furnished to us to enable me in any event to turn these indispensable articles over to the Farmers for the Indians. -

The Supt at St Louis has this day been written to upon this special matter -

Finding myself not properly sustained in my operations here for the mutual benefit of both the government and the Indians - I have intended some time since my resignation as agent for Indian Affairs on this frontier -

With high respect

Your most obedt

Saml Davis
Indian Agency
at St Peters

My dear Sir,

North Western Agency Station
Upper Mississippi July 30. 1839

Having intimated in our conversations on the general concerns of this Agency that I had, at length (though with reluctance) deemed it proper to tender my resignation to the Dept. and you have been pleased to express some solicitude upon this step of mine at this crisis - and appearing desirous of ascertaining (more as an old friend perhaps than otherwise) the motives at this time which has brought me to this determination. I feel disposed both upon the score of private friendship as well as of public duty to give you the following facts as conclusive reasons on my mind for leaving this Post. I find it not proceeding in my present state of health to pass another winter in this climate - and that the Indians have no objection to my temporary absence. For the law is imperative, and the Dept. has no power to meet either my views or those of the Indians in this matter. 2^d It is known to you as well as myself that the Office of Indian Affairs has not as yet deemed it expedient to sustain me in my position as connected with the fulfilment of Treaty stipulations generally with the Sioux. My Estimates are never properly met - my arrangements for the bettering of the Condition of the Indians in the only acceptable mode to them is unfortunately not approved. 3^d I am kept for months in the dark as to the real views & intentions of the Dept. - and after months & months of delay - unofficially matters come before me which ought to have been made known only through the proper channel of

Communication. A single important move cannot be made or in contemplation by the Office at Washington but the same is known a month, or six weeks to the American Fur Company or to persons indirectly concerned in the same. - hence it is plain that Indians & others become fully apprised of the views & intentions before attached to - long before the proper authorities ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~officially~~ ^{officially} ~~made~~ ^{made} - hence the energies & efficiency of this Agency with the Dept. becomes weakened if not entirely frustrated - who this "Indian" can be at the elbow of the Commissioner - time has taken off one, and may in the course of human events detect the other. - H. & truly. I have not been put on a footing as to comfort or convenience with any other Agency - having been left to furnish - Quarters fuel - Provisions &c for myself, and hence men as well as the Indians. Things having become thus plain & oppressive for years past & from the faults of the Office I am after some years of toil & trouble here now threatened with a prosecution by one or two dirty Indians of no note or consequence. I think you will see in this statement of homely facts - abundant reason for wishing from self respect to leave a Station. The cluster of which have become (from no fault of my own) onerous in the highest degree.

Very truly your friend

I am ob. servt

Major J. Plympton
U. S. Army
Commandy
Fort Snelling

Samuel A. Jones
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Governor -

North Western Agency St Paul
Iowa Territory July 20 1839

A few days past I received by the Mail 26 packages of Goods for the Sioux - but without packing slips or Invoices - There remains yet to be supplied of \$10,000 in Specie and of \$5620 of the \$10,000 due last year under the 6th clause of the Treaty of 1837. which P. Chouteau & Co went to the St. Louis Agency for the sanction of the office could be made - Knowing the views, and feelings of the Indians I have ventured to impinge upon the Dept. the urgent necessity of fulfilling speedily, and to the better all defects Treaty stipulations as all delays in such matters creates unnecessary excitement and gives suspicions, and umbrage against the good faith of the Government - I have again to remark that as yet no funds for the current year 1839 has been received - This fact in connection with the absence of the fulfillment of my various requisitions forwarded in September 1838. has placed this office in an unenviable predicament -

As Major Pelcher has been authorized to receive from Leas Whitcomb late Vice Dir Agency at this Post the sum of \$56,000 in Specie now in his hands - Cannot now a transfer of as much of this amount as would meet the just demands of this Agency to Sept 30. be turned over to me for disbursement - All that I have even asked has been that the office might sustain me with the Indians - in all other matters I can take care of myself -

His E. Gov. Robt Lucas

Law Saliaferro
Indian AgentMajor Joshua Pelcher
Capt Ind Affairs
SirNorth Western Agency St Paul
Iowa Territory August 6th 1839

An Express leaving this day for St. Louis may deposit the Mail at Grand du Chene I have to ask if you have any information as to what action of any the Office at Washington may have taken to ensure the complete fulfillment of the Treaty stipulations with the Indians of this Agency for this year - As Leas Whitcomb has been directed by the Comd of Indian Affairs to turn over to you some \$56,000 in Specie now in charge at this Post and upon your receipt - Cannot some transfer be effected to me of so much as may be sufficient to pay \$10,000 in Specie to the Sioux also \$4100 for Mechanics & farmers \$1350 on account of pay of Agents and Interpreters and \$275 for Treaty stipulations Expresses &c? in all \$15,725 -

In the absence of regular Invoices it is not as yet known if all the goods are in hand under the Treaty of 1830 and 37. - A friend of the exp informs me that there are not completed -

I shall be in Passatong until the River rises, and then long expected funds come to hand for these Hell hounds of the Western land -

With best respects to
your Mr. Secy

Law Saliaferro

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Albion
 Dan? F. Miller
 James A. Clark
 John & Shamus

North Western Agency Station
 Iowa Territory Sept 5th 1839

Gentlemen-

The reception of your Circular of the 11th of June past upon the subject of the sense of the community within this district in regard to the total amendment of the "License System"; as unnecessary, unjust, and fraught with abundant evils to the community in which it prevails. Seems to meet the just views, and sense of all true friends of temperance in our vicinity—prior to a more vigorous cooperation with you, and in aid of the just views of the Society of Fort Madison for the formation of a Territorial Temperance Society, from which strong branches ^{reach the heart & free the lot from bondage} may ~~thrust~~ ^{emerge} rendering our beautiful Iowa an earthly Paradise. You may rest assured that we shall be prepared to use all honorable means to bring about the objects ^{contemplated} in your communications—and which seem so essential to our respectability, & happiness as a people.

With respect & esteem

Your most obedt Serv

Samuel Salisferro
 Indian Agent
 at Ft. Union

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North Western Agency Station
 Iowa Territory Sept 6th 1839

Governor

To present at a glance. The number and location of the several bands of the Dakota nation of Indians within this Agency. I have the honor herewith to enclose my Statistical Returns for the year 1838. which will afford you most of the information some time since asked for of me.

The Annual Returns and reports for the present year ending Sept 30. when forwarded will be found more full & satisfactory under the requirements of the several Regulations of the Department.

I am as yet in a dilemma as to funds for the year 1839. which expires on the 30th of next month—not being ^{supported} with the inducement by the Department is one of the main causes of my recent resignation.

With high respect to

Your most obedt Serv

His Excellency—
 Governor John Lucas
 Supr Ind Affairs
 at Burlington
 for Iowa Territory

Samuel Salisferro
 Indian Agent
 at Ft. Union

Major.

Iowa Territory August 16th 1839

Your letter of the 27th of July by the Avril has been received with a Bill of lading for balance of Annually goods under the Treaty of 1837. Amounting to \$1660.37. Duplicate Receipts for this amount are herewith returned a reply to request.

I have not heard from his Excy for Lucas of late on any subject - I doubt if the goods will be paid this year - for want of Accts & Invoices.

I am at a loss to know what may have been decided upon the payment of the Wahpaukoota & Superior Sioux under the Treaty of 1830 of Penn on them - also if now Lucas & Co are to be supplied this year or the next for the winter three shops - now four months idle.

I will write once more to for Lucas -

With best respects Sir

Major Joshua Pickett
Supt. In Affairs
St Louis.

Yours Very Truly
San Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Louis

B I regard mainly in case I have not been properly sustained by the Dept with the Indians - My Rec^d & Estimates wholly neglected the Agent mixed with the Indians of course.

Public Notice

The Dept of War. having decided in a recent Order to the Officer in Command of this Post that the Trading Locations would be included within the lands reserved for Military purposes. Now therefore be it known to all whom whom it may concern that no further consecration will be given by this office to applications for permits to Trade within the Reservation to be designated under the orders of the said - Done at the Office of Indian Agency St Louis near Fort Snelling this 19th day of Aug 1839 -

(Copies Posted)

San Saliaferro

(Indian Agent)

North Western Agency St Louis

Major J Pickett - Iowa Territory Aug 21st 1839
Supt. In Affairs
St Louis

I forward herewith my Requestion for certain Agricultural implements which with but one or two trifling exceptions I was authorized upon a former Estimate to purchase - he proved as the articles have been received & delivered to have Messrs P Chouteau & Co paid for them. Supplies, and forward their Accounts or Invoices of prices that I may be enabled to account to the Treasury Dept.

I have written the Comd. a long letter on the fulfillment of treaty stipulations - the lack of attention to the express wants of the Tribes - by total disregard of the contents of Requestions Annually forwarded - and the consequent prostration of the Agent & disaffection & disgust of the Chiefs & head men - I have spoken of St Louis is the Hub in the wheel - to all Supplies for the Tribes on the Waters of the Miss & Mississippi & their Tributaries. If Contracts must be entered into at the East select some old experienced Agent & locate him as Special Agent of the Dept at Washington or Phil^a with ample powers to purchase & ship to the Supt & Agents in every Section

Hon. Mr. G. B. Granger 2 North Western Agency S. Peters
 Secy. of Affairs 3 Iowa Territory August 27. 1839
 Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15. y. July past, and do with it. The amount of goods forwarded by this Dept at L. Davis under your orders. completing the amount of ten thousand dollars under the treaty of 1837. for the Menawakanton tribe of Iowa for 1839. The articles ~~that~~ forwarded to my care have been stored as requested. Subject to the further, & it is hoped speedily instructions for their final disposition from Gov. Lucas and should be not forwarded with these invoices in detail. no delivery can take place this year.

The \$10,000 in goods now in store in connection with \$5,500 in provisions is all that has ~~been~~ as yet come to hand of the several amounts due the Sioux under the treaties of 1830 & 1837. for instance we are yet without the receipt of \$10,000 in goods under the treaty of 1837. & without Iron Store fees &c for support of two winter shops. which are now idle. without the \$900 in goods under the treaty of 1830. for the Menawakanton & Sisseton Sioux or the \$500 in goods under the same treaty for the Wah-pa-koota Sioux. In fact we are in great want. no funds whatever having been allotted to this Agency since 1838.

It is with extreme mortification, and deep regret that the Annual requisitions calling for such goods as the Indians of this Agency necessarily require. cannot be literally complied with. we ask for 350 guns and we receive but 114. This is death to the confiding hopes of the Indians and wholly destructive to the standing of the Agents with them. The Agents if not sustained

in every respect particular by the Department - He cannot retain his post properly he must sooner or later fall into difficulties highly injurious to the public interest.

One of the reasons for desiring to leave this Post may be found in the failure last year and this to meet the views & wishes of the Sioux under their treaty stipulations with the Government. Had this subject been entirely confided to the zeal & attention of this office. without passing through so many lucky & inexperienced hands the better course had been long since served as to their views and wants. and the good faith of the Department & its ability to do justice unquestioned by them. - Until the Agents become their own Contractors, purchasers, transporters, and disbursers of and for all Indian Annuities & Treaty stipulations. The officer at Washington can never expect to render even temporary satisfaction, or common justice to the happy & friendly Indians.

With every wish for your health & happiness

I remain with high respects

Your most obedt Servt

Samuel C. Peters

John C. Peters
 At St. Peter

This letter is not an exact copy of the original forwarded this day - but in form & substance nearly the same. - S. T.

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Governor.

North Western Agency Office
Iowa Territory Aug 27 1839

I enclose for the information of the office the within public notice to all concerned in the trade at the new location near Fort Snelling - as it would not under the views & intentions of the Department (as I understand the subject) be proper to issue licenses for any post within the limits of a Military Reservation. Again the trade with the Indians here is unimportant amounting to almost nothing beyond the receipt of ~~annual~~ annuity from the government. As a depot for the trade of Continued the Comdg. Officer it is ^{permitted} ~~permitted~~ will have found several supervisions and controversies over the conduct of such persons as may remain in charge of its operations.

Up to this date I am in the receipt of but little to satisfy the pressing wants of the Indians under their treaties of 1830 & 1837. The year will soon close & with it the navigation of the Mississippi. Then for troubles should the Indians be wholly disappro-
inted. which from present appearances seems more than likely. With high respects for

Yours most Obedt Servt

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Supt Ind Affairs
Burlington
Iowa Territory

Samuel Parker
Indian Agent
At St Peter

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How J. R. Poinsett
Secretary of War
My dear Sir -

North Western Agency Office
Iowa Territory August 27. 1839

When in Washington last fall you did me the honor to entertain confidence in me as a man and as a public officer, and sustained me against evil disposed persons - for this ~~continued~~ ^{disinterested} act of justice and practical evidence of your good opinion he assures that you have not a friend on earth who will ever remain more grateful - I asked to be sustained and was sustained - perhaps beyond my poor deserts. - Yet there remains for your earnest consideration a species of Support which dwells your Agents of its whole form influences and they are rendered no longer of use to the Indians or of service to the government. -

I allude to the early prompt, and correct fulfillment of all Treaty stipulations with the Indian Tribes - When these special objects fail to be attended to in due season - the violation of the Agent becomes one extreme difficulty and even of danger - however much he may be generally esteemed, or confided in - all Indians from their peculiar habits, and notions of things cannot be expected to think or act alike. They believe every thing possible to the activity and sagacity of the white man, and of course will not understand why their funds are not applied as directed, and forwarded in the spring season of navigation - It is now the 27th of August, and this Agency has not received as usual its annual allotment of funds, and the fiscal year expires on the 30th of next month September - The \$10,000. in funds under the 4th Clause of the Treaty of 1837. it is time have been issued and there - but it is rather late yet I find that the requisition of the Indians for guns has not been met by some two hundred or more - and some of the goods not such as they require. - I feared this result

Last year and so did the Chiefs of the Sioux - I caused them proper to receive the Goods of last ~~year~~ ^{fall} wholly unsuited to their wants - by procuring in the most pointed & positive manner that they should not only be better supplied this year for their money - but that they might expect these supplies as early as the first of June -

The Chiefs around the fort have said "If we take these things you must go on East or to Lewis and buy out our money yourself - then we shall be sure our people will be well served & satisfied"

I remarked at the time that they might not say - that all their business would be fulfilled or arranged to their satisfaction - May Pritchard expressed the same opinion - being present at the payment of the annuity - we have all been sadly disappointed and I repeat to say - I have been threatened covertly, & even openly with opposition. One Chief remarked that tho he knew it was not my fault - yet if he had had supposed that the year would thus far have passed without the fulfilling of their Treaty stipulations, and business generally - he & others would have sent some other person to the President to see that they were properly dealt by. - As early as the 15th of July when there had been eight, or ten arrivals, and departures of Steam Boats - I felt my situation unpleasant here on hearing nothing from any quarter as to the receipt or shipping of the Annual Supplies for this Post - and anticipating the present result - tendered on that date the Resignation of this Agency - I did so upon the score of ill health - it is true - but I have other reasons for the step - which are now communicated

that my Resignation has created great uneasiness, and dissatisfaction in this quarter - is daily being developed but under all the circumstances of my peculiar position here without a prospect of either relief, or a change it is not seen how I could do otherwise.

Shame the honor to be by

With the highest respects

Samuel P. Hays

Governor

North Western Agency, Minn
Iowa Territory Sept 2^o 1839

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 1st & 2^o of August past with their enclosures - the first with the Comrs letter and Invoices of prices & your instructions to pay the same to the Indians in accordance therewith - the second notes the course of funds through Major Pritchard for this Agency -

I am by Special Agent in ^{the} receipt of funds for the payment of the \$10,000 in specie under the Treaty of 1837 through May Pritchard also - which will clear up at the same time with the goods also amounting to \$10,000 -

I have herewith forwarded Mr. Pritchard's Bonds and Contract for the Stock delivered to the Sioux in June last under the 6th Clause 2^o of Treaty of Sept 27. 1837. he requests to write "Approved" on the back of each A/c with your official signature & forwards all the papers to May Pritchard who will try and see the poor Contractor paid - as he wants his money badly -

With high respects Sir

Your most obedt Servt -

Major

North Western Agency Office
Iowa Territory Sept 2^d 1839

By your Special Agent M. S. and the regular mail conveyed. I have received your several letters of the 18th of July and the 8th & 10th of August &c.

I forwarded a few days past a Requisition for carts, wagons and other articles which I wished paid to P. Christian & Co. amounting to \$1419. or thereabouts under the 6th Clause of the Iowa Treaty of 1837.

I now forward hereby Requisitions for other articles including the foregoing under the same Act and Clause for \$5630. but if it be found that there cannot be sent (which seems the advanced state of the season is extremely doubtful) I shall only embrace in my accounts the \$1419 leaving \$4211. for the year 1840. which will after paying Mr. Pike leave this balance on hand of the \$10,000 stipulated in the 6th Clause to be paid as soon after the ratification of the Treaty as practicable to the Sioux - in stock &c. as they may desire.

I have this day recd \$13,570 - in specie of you for the payment of the Sioux Annuity, and for the half year - I have not enough for the half year having 3 Blacksmiths & 3 Apertants under the Treaty of 1830 & 37. also seven farmers at \$600 pr. Ann each. The Presents can be had here and are obtd to you for the 600 \$ for this important object - Gov Lucas has forwarded the Invoices of the \$10,000 in goods with instructions to pay - he states that since he has acted for the Dept. not a dollar has been expended to him or his card for disbursement for any object of expenditure - on the 3^d day of July 1838 his duties commenced for Iowa

I have forwarded the accounts on your suggestion of Mr. Pike together with his Bond & Contract this day to Gov Lucas - for his "Approval" and with his official signature attached to be forwarded to your office as soon as practicable in order that the four Contractors may have his full class of which he stands much in need - You may have forwarded the \$900. & \$500 in goods for the Upper Menawakanton, Sisseton and Wahpaukon Sioux under the 4th Art of the Treaty of 1830 before this reaches you. yet I enclose to you Copies of my Requisitions under the Treaty made out & forwarded in September 1838. The official implements say \$700 - under the same Treaty of 1830 sent - may not be - as I shall learn by the first Steam Boat for Lewis - until Wahpaukon & Sisseton are permanently reattached to this Agency (& from which this fractional band of 209 souls should never have been) the \$600 in specie of the \$2,000 - under the Treaty of 1830 as apportioned maybe be sent to Mr. Lowry the Agent at Pease du Chien - as heretofore.

Your Special Agent leaves on tomorrow the 3^d inst with the balance of specie turned over by Lewis Whitcomb for Pease du Chien. - I am more than thankful for the kindness & indulgence extended to all my late applications for funds & for information which have reluctantly been many and pressing in a quarter where I had no official office to call - the pressing exigencies of the peculiar & horrifying Sioux in connection with the proper want of experience & knowledge elsewhere must have been as my apology for any irregular proceedings - Elyville was for aid for the public goods and under all this

Circumstances of respect or want of experience on the part of the Office of Indian Affairs. it is not seen how I could (being threatened even so and even openly with assassination by one or two evil fellows) well remain silent or do otherwise than appeal to one who on the score of public duty as well as of private friendship I know would appreciate both my views & delicate situation here and respond with zeal & promptitude -

Our Ex Office Superintendent is one of true little and, or beneficent - You occupy the position best suited to the efficient operation of the Indian Department - north and west - and the sooner this matter is disposed of the better for all the agencies - but you must have more force in your office, or your own health must sink under the fiscal requirements, & other duties of the Station. -

With high respects to

Major Joshua Selden your most old friend
Supt Ind Affairs
At St Louis

B. I received on the 15th of July - for as early as that date I anticipated the present perplexing difficulties of the office of the affairs that the Annual Supplies would mainly fail both as it regarded Treaty stipulations & current expenses - I cannot think of remaining after the 31st day of December - unless as you say we can meet at Washington & let the office to do what is right - &c.

Sir

North Western Agency St Louis
Iowa Territory Sept 22 1839

I have enclosed herewith certified papers - under the additional Revenue regulations of the Dept - which will when presented to the Supt of Indian Affairs at St Louis - entitle you to the receipt of Five hundred dollars - for Expenses of your Mission at "Lake Harriet" for the Medicine Creek Band of "Lake Calhoun" as authorized by the Comm of Indian Affairs of date the 1st of December 1838 - as provided for in the 15th Clause 2^d Art of the Treaty of Washington of the 29th of September 1837 -

A copy of this letter should accompany the certificate in your favour - Very respectfully Sir

Rev. Pelediah D. Stevens \$500

At B. C. & Mission

Lake Harriet S. M.

Rev. Daniel Garin - \$500

Swiss French Miss

Wabash Mission

Rev. Samuel F. Denton \$500

Swiss Fr Mission

Swiss Mission

Lake Pepin

The same letters were addressed to all these gentlemen - I obtained the allowances for them Decr 1. 1838. in aid of their respective Societies My Annual Report in Sept 1838. asked for these sums \$1500 in aid of the Missions for the same

Dear Sir

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 2^d 1839

I am instructed by the Department under the last law of Congress to cause as many of the Indians of this Agency to receive the benefit of Vaccination as practicable. In accordance with the humane views of the Government I have to request that you will use your best exertions to vaccinate all the Indians in your Quarter despatch to submit to it.

In order to enable you to carry out the plans of the office in this important particular I herewith enclose, 3, Seals of approval wither received from His Excellency Gov Robert Lucas Supt of Indian Affairs and for your services I am authorized to say that you shall be compensated for your services at the rate of Seven dollars for every hundred persons vaccinated with effect. which you will be pleased to examine and renew in case of failure to take. Your life in duplicate and Receipts will be paid by His Excellency Gov Lucas of Burlington Iowa Territory.

With respectful
Yours most obedt Serv

Lawrence

Indian Agent

At Station

Thomas J Williamson Adt

Sacqui Park

Upper Station

I would observe you not to exceed \$150.
for the supply specified in the order above.

Major J Plympton Agency House Station
U. S. Army
Commanding
September 8th 1839

Your note of this date stating that a Citizen has just reported that the Souse Indians were tearing down his house on the East of the Mississippi &c. has just been received, and attended to as far as was practicable at so late a period of the evening. The Citizen entering the complaint is a Foreman, and a Squatter upon your Military Reservation a whiskey dealer - well and notoriously known to all at this Post.

The Interpreter was in sooner apprised of some difficulty at the house before named than he promptly in my absence sought the scene of the reported depredations - but the Indians said to be there had retired. It remains for the Indians engaged in this matter to be identified hereafter, and it is within a few hours reported that the house demolished had some two or more barrels of whiskey, and as the Indians are soon to receive their Specie Allowance, it is said "some of the boys" in order to prevent great drunkenness and blow that among their proper proceedings without consultation other than among themselves to buck up the Establishments.

I desire in what I have said, not to be understood as approving of such measures particularly when carried into effect by an untutored people. —

With best respects
Yours most obedt Serv

Lawrence

Indian Agent

At Station

Sir

Agency House St. Peter
September 9. 1839

I have been requested to report your
Citizen ship for the information of the Department -
Will you be pleased to send me this day an official
Statement showing when, and where you became natural-
ized as a Citizen of the United States, and entitled
to all the rights, privileges, immunities & of a natural
American.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt

Jean Bapt Faubault Esq
New Hope - St. Peter

Law Paliapero
Indian Agent
(At St. Peter)

Governor

North Western Agency (St. Peter)
Iowa Territory Sept 9. 1839

I acknowledge the receipt of your two
letters of date the 9th & 14th of August by Mail this
day. The half yearly allotment is noted but
it meets not unhappily our fourth of ^{the} Expenditures
under treaty stipulations & current expenses. I mean
as to pay transportation &c. The Annuitants are in hand
& will be paid on or before the 20th inst as Expenses and
now out for the Indians.

The Resolves of Congress, and your instructions
will be met in all respects by this office.

We have written to the Supr at St. Louis that
Certificates have been given in favor of three
Missionsary Establishments in the sum of
\$500 each under the authority of the Dept.

of December 1. 1838. to Rev J. B. Flannery \$500. Rev D. G. Aves \$500
and Rev J. & Denton \$500 in aid of ~~extra expenses incurred~~
their missions & Schools under the 1st and 2^d of the Treaty
of Washington of the 29. Dec 1837. There is no express understand-
ing on this subject as noted in the Additional Annual Report
but I have no funds to meet these objects and they ought to
be paid this year. If I could have had an under-
standing with you it would have been of great service
to all persons employed under the Treaty of 1837. as it
might give them their pay for the last half year
& particularly since the 1st of October 1838.

Mr. McKee arrived here this day in the Steamer Pike
relative to his contract under the 6th Clause of the Seven
Treaty and he is informed that his papers had
by the last mail been forwarded to your Excellency
for "approval" when his account would be paid
by the Supr of Indian Affairs at St. Louis.

The Indians of this vicinity cropped the crop
last evening & destroyed the House & Whiskey of
a foreman & a Squatter upon the Military Reservation.
However circumscribed its destruction might be on the
eve of payment of Annuitants to the Indians
I regret that the act was committed by untamed
people - no other damage was done.

I have the honor to be
Governor your most obt. Servt

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Supr of Indian Affairs
For long term
for Iowa Territory

Law Paliapero
Indian Agent
(At St. Peter)

Major.

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 10. 1839

As it has not been practicable this year to be in the receipt of funds to discharge the obligations of this Agency under the authority of the Department I have stated three several accounts in favour of the Mission Stations - viz Rev. J. B. Stiles \$500 Rev. J. G. Davis \$500 Rev. J. F. Denton \$500 all to be paid under the 1st Class 2^o Act of Congress of the 29. Sept. 1839 - and for which, I have been granted Certificates under the Act "Relative Regulations" of the Department.

The Allowances herein named were made by the Comm. of Indian Affairs on the 1st day of December 1838. and to take effect after June 1839. The peculiar nature of business this year - will not for want of time enable me to make a Special understanding as to the honoring of my Certificates as noted in the Additional Regulations - but trust, you will verify the Office of my Agency that the \$1500 needed for disbursement under the Class referred to, may be placed in your hands for disbursement -

I wish I could be authorized to grant advance to the Farmers and Smiths for their last half year's pay & others for the whole year -

Governor Lucas has been apprised of this letter & its purport -

With high respects Sir
Your most obt. Servt

Major Joshua Pelcher
Supr Ind Affairs
at St Louis

San Pascual
Indian Agent
at St Louis

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 10. 1839

I desire to leave this Post as soon as the 10th of October, and before the closing of navigation of the Mississippi, and as I have tendered my resignation to the Department I should be gratified on receiving a leave of absence from this Agency - to be computed from the 10. or 15th of October - to enable me to close up my official business before the 31. day of December with the Government -

I have the honor to be
Governor. Your most obt. Servt

His Excellency

Governor Robert Lucas.

Supr of Ind Affairs
for Iowa Territory

San Pascual

Indian Agent

at St Louis

Sir

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 10. 1839

I have received instructions to draw from the public Store of the Commissioner at Fort Snelling some Six Thousand Rations for Indians at the payment of Annuitants. Will you be pleased to inform me if this quantity or a less amount can be supplied for the purpose specified as many Indians have arrived & others coming in both as visitors & for their Annuitant payment -

With high respects Sir

Your most obt. Servt

Major J. Plympton
U. S. Army

Commanding
Fort Snelling

San Pascual

Indian Agent

at St Louis

General

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 20. 1839

A large body of Sioux from this vicinity and from the Station are preparing to pass on to their lands near the Natural Ground line upon the head waters of the Des Moines and Cannon Rivers to hunt this fall and winter. I give you this information in order that your Indians may be apprised of the fact, and to state that if not interfered with by the Sacs & Foxes they promise on their part to abstain from all, or any act of hostility on their part. As these Indians will be accompanied by the Agent of the Am Fur Company - H. H. Sibley Esq of this Post I know that his influence with the Sioux will operate favorably, and I have to request that the Sacs & Foxes may be apprised of his presence also when communicating the contents of this communication to them.

Very respectfully
Yours most obedt Servt
General Joseph M. Smith
Indian Agent
for Sacs & Foxes
Iowa Territory
Lawrence P. Sibley
Agent
for the Sioux

Sir

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 20. 1839

The Lower Bands of Sioux having been at this office, their Money, Goods, provisions to under the Treaty of 1837. I have been requested by the Chiefs to say that if the \$600 in Sacs due them under the 4th Art of the Treaty of 1830 has been remitted to you that it will be held until they can reach Prairie du Chien. The next year (1840) the Dept will doubtless see the propriety of consolidating the funds & have them paid at this Post - it not being practicable to break bulk immediately and satisfy the claimants.

Most respectfully
Yours obedt Servt

Major D. Lowry
Agent for Winnebago
Prairie du Chien

Lawrence P. Sibley
Agent
at Station

Agency Station Station
Sept 23^d 1839

Dear Sir

I am sorry to say that the remarks which fell from the "Bad Hair" to day in relation to visiting Mr. Mink's house - & stating my participation by words in the case - were not his own as he well knew them not to be true - but that he was forced to make the statement by some interested on your side of the River - I have this notice from good authority - what may have been the stipulations made for his perjury or know not & care not to tell.

Yr. friend & obedt Servt

Major

Agency House Peters
September 27. 1839

I have sent the bearer (a good Indian)
to accompany the gentlemen who are in quest of
the identity of the body of Mr. Hays now in the water
near Carvers old Camp.

The Indian will conduct them to the spot
being so directed by his Chief if requested to do.

Very respectfully Sir

Major J Plympton
U.S. Army
Commanding
Fort Snelling

Your most obedt
Saml Paliapeno
Indian Agent
At Peters

Governor

North western Agency Peters
Iowa Territory Sept 29. 1839

It having been decided by the General
tribes of Sioux that it is to the interest of their people
to hunt this fall and winter upon their lands along
the neutral grounds line of 1830. I consequently deemed
it proper - as well as a measure of prudence to inform
the Agent for the Sac & Fox by letter ^{the 20th inst.} of the views &
intentions of a large body of Indians about to
congregate on their frontier - solely for the purpose
of hunting and subsisting their families. The game
having become so much diminished west that they
must go south, or suffer unto the death in the cold
season.

It is hereby Exp. Act of the Am Fur Company
will accompany the Sioux, and have an eye
to all that may transpire on or near the frontiers
of Iowa.

Very respectfully Sir
Your most obedt

His Excellency -
Governor Robert Lucas
Supr of Ind: Affairs
at Burlington
Iowa Territory

Saml Paliapeno
Indian Agent
At Peters

Hon T Hally Crawford } North Western Agency Affairs
 Comd. Ind. Affairs } Iowa Territory Sept 30. 1839
 Sir

I have the honor to Submit the following with other reports (in place) embracing the numerous locations of the General tribes of Sioux within the prescribed limits of this Agency - together with such other general information (calculated for under the Revenue regulations of the Department) as may be useful to the Government or of interest to the people.
 Medawakantow.

This tribe number just 1843 Souls - 450 being warriors 550 women and 743 boys girls & children - and these reside in General detached towns or Villages of Bunk. under their respective petty Chiefs - who exercise but little influence over the conduct and actions of their people. - upon disposing of all their Lands East of the Mississippi to the Government by the Treaty of 1837. They have been prevented upon such as have been residing upon their lands to remove west - which has been permanently affected with expense, or trouble, and they now rely upon their remaining soil west - extending from the Little Rapids of the Missouri to the neutral ground line established by the Treaty of 1830. twenty miles above the upper Iowa River north of Pawnee. All the bands of this tribe have under the liberal provisions incorporated in their Treaty been supplied with abundant Agricultural implements & well qualified Farmers have been assigned to each town - Two Black Smiths put in black at points suited to the views & convenience of the Indians and there has been distributed 109 heads of work cattle, and horses and other stock - Seven oxen

Carts - 3 wagons and twenty eight Sleighs & double ploughs - Compters - with other tools for the use of the Farmers & for the benefit of the Indians - The Black Smiths and Armours employed under the Treaty of 1837. will compare with any similar class of Mechanics in the United States - They have constantly & diligently been engaged in making & repairing every description of work useful to the Indians - Guns received as trophies are no longer thrown away - but are renewed with beating and dispatch by their independent Mechanics - Comfort and abundance is now placed within the reach of economy and industry - But it is painful to confess that the peculiar habits of indolence and total disregard and want of knowledge the true value of time, and property almost forbid any hope of a speedy improvement in either the Physical, Moral or intellectual condition of this, or any one of the North Western tribes - yet in some few instances where the Indians have turned their attention to Agricultural pursuits a change for the better - follows the wake of industry.

The country of this particular tribe of the Sioux is generally level with undulating rolling prairie and interspersed with ravines & valleys as you approach the Mississippi from the land - water is abundant - & streams frequent - such as the Missouri, Cannon, Desembarras, Racceno, Crow, & other Rivers passing through it - with numerous inland Lakes many of which afford a great variety of fish - The soil is generally what is termed second rate - though its texture visibly changes as you enter the low lands - Shortening the water courses and thus a greater quantity, and variety of timber and land there is observed

in passing the high lands & Prairies. Leads one finally to a greater extent in the Shape of Country on Lake Pepew. & which was Ceded by the Treaty of July 15th 1830. to the half blood Sioux than is known to exist elsewhere in their Country. over 325 Acres of land was broken & planted during the last season, and present year. and an average crop of 4325 bushels of corn 300 bushels of Potatoes. beans &c. Though there has been much neglect this year in consequence of a rupture between the Chief-men & Sioux of the farming & other pursuits the Indians may do well & a new season time abundantly looks. —

East Wahpetons

This fractional band numbered 325. and have their village at the "Little Rapids" on the St. Peter some forty miles from this Agency and on the adjoining neighbors to the Mendawakentons. But little corn is raised is grown by this people and their dependence upon the chase precarious and uncertain. Their Country though poor in every other respect is sadly deficient in game from being much hunted by other bands and not comparatively by the Sandy Lake River River & other transient Chippewas Indians hence from the slothful habits of Indian generally their fate is sealed. This fact is known to all. They begin slowly to feel their approaching destiny, and seem anxious to open the way to a sale of a portion of their lands east of the Mississippi to the government as the only means left to them of any hopes of relief from extreme want & want of money to their people. —

South. Sissetons

This band once formidable has become much reduced by migrations & other causes such as internal feuds wars with the Sacs & Foxes &c as a former period and now numbered 276. On leaving Terra Bleu River and the Peter Rosche. they took up a position at Severally at the Harrow dis Sioux & the Swan Lakes. Some hundreds miles from the Seat of this Agency. The Country of the Sissetons of this quarter is rather an interesting one. presenting to the eye a beautiful surface with timber in islands & much scattered except upon the St. Peter. Some small Rivers such as the Terra Bleu. Aux Jais & Aux lairés &c in connection with the St. Peter water their Country. —

From a respectable Citizen I have if that exceedingly signs of the best Stone Coals prevail in this region and that specimens taken to St. Louis have been pronounced well adapted for use in furnaces. — A small treaty is held by this tribe in the Treaty of July 15th 1830. which being limited expires with the year 1840. but little corn is raised and the game having diminished. their trade has fallen with the decline in price of the Muskog their staple commodity for barter with the white men. hence much suffering was experienced during the past fall and winter. This unpleasant state of things will continue until some portion of their Country becomes transferred to the United States, and they permitted to enjoy with others of their people an intercourse in sustaining measures friendly to the government. The traders know his own interest too well to permit himself to barter something for nothing. but so long as there remains a possible hope of gain. so long will the poor Indian be seduced, flattered & deceived.

Some seven pages were torn from the volume here.

Governor

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Sept 30. 1839

With my accounts I forward
the accompanying contracts with the several
Farmers and Blacksmiths employed under
the 5th clause 2^d. Art of the treaty of 1837. which
have been found indispensable to the Indians
in the fulfilment of their treaty stipulations
with the government. Those for the 1st July
and September 30. are for the consideration
of the Department upon a former
recommendation for the expenses incurred
respectively.

With high respect
Yours most Obedt Servt

His Excellency
Gov Robert Lucas
Supt Indian Affairs
Burlington
Iowa Territory

David S. Saloferro
Indian Agent
At Station

Governor

North Western Agency St. Louis
Iowa Territory Sept 30. 1839

I have the honor to Submit for
the information of the Office of Indian Affairs
the following Reports called for under the
Regulations of the Department - for the year
ending September 30. 1839. & for the year 1839
Viz. 1. Abstracts of all Licenses granted
2. Biennial Register with List of all persons employed
3. Schools and Missions returns and Reports
4. Statistical returns with general remarks on them
5. Site of the Agency Buildings & Post Office
6. Annual & Semiannual Estimates funds
7. Regulations, & Estimates in detail -
8. Remarks & Decisions of the Surveyor General
9. Lists of all forced property in charge.

Very

Respectfully Submitted

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Supt of Ind. Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa Territory

San Salazar
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Governor

North Western Agency St. Louis
Iowa Territory October 2. 1839.

I have the honor herewith to enclose
, and forwards for the Office of Indian Affairs
my accounts of receipts and disbursements within
this Agency for the year ending September 30. 1839
Also all Annual Reports, Returns, Estimates, &c
called for under the Regulations of the Department
or, upon an Special Requisition - I trust the whole
may prove satisfactory to the Office and to the
Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department
Having had many unforeseen difficulties
to surmount this year, and the more particularly
this fall - and without competent assistance
at hand - my accounts and other official papers
have not had that attention which under
ordinary circumstances would have been secured
to them at the close of the fiscal year.

His Excellency
Governor Robert Lucas
Supt Ind. Affairs
at Burlington
for Iowa Territory

With High Respect
for Mr. St. Louis
San Salazar
Indian Agent
at St. Louis

Major

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory October 2^d 1839

In order to render as much satisfaction as practicable to the ~~Arms~~ demands upon this Office by the head men for their deferred pay for the last year. I borrowed funds, and paid generally for the three first Quarters ending June 30. Again to close the fiscal year to Sept 30. It has become requisite (without an Express understanding to that effect) to draw Certificates on States Accounting in favour of the individuals Claimants whose names, dues, and for what to be paid - may be found by a reference to the enclosed Memorandum in the shape of an informal Request and as a check to the General & Official Accounts delivered this day.

The Arms & Agricultural implements forwarded in August last under the Treaty of 1830 have not as this date been received - My Annual Reports of every description & accounts are closed - Sealed and ready for the Mail - I shall leave on the 8 or 10 inst for Home -

With best respects Sir
(Your most obedt Servt)

Major Joshua Pelcher
Capt of Ind Affairs
At Home -

San Pascual
Indian Agent
At Station

Sir

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory October 6th 1839

Your note of the 5th inst has just been received in relation to the killing of one of your Arrows by the Indians - Will you find out as near as may be possible what Indian or Indian committed the depredation - and file in this Office such testimony as may be had to the effect that if killed by an Indian the Amount may be deducted from their next Arrears -

Very respectfully Sir
(Your most obedt Servt)

A Robertson Esq
"Grey Cloud Island"
Wisconsin Territory

San Pascual
Indian Agent
At Station

Major

North Western Agency Station
Iowa Territory Oct 5th 1839

Henry C. Mencke a Subject of Her. Britannic Majesty. having trespassed on - and being now in the Indian Country without official Authority from the Government or of its Officers duly empowered to grant passports - I have to request that under the intercourse act of June 30 1834 - The Military force may be employed in his removal from the Indian Country the aforesaid foreigner.

Very respectfully Sir
Your obedt Servt
San Pascual
Indian Agent
At Station

Major J. Plympton
U.S. Army
Corps 8th
Fort Snelling

Hon J. R. Poinsett
Sec of War
Sir

North Western Agency Office
Iowa Territory October 5th 1839

I regret to say for the information of the Department that on this date a writ has been (very unexpectedly and it is thought from Malice) served upon me, by a Foreigner named Henry C. Mencke, and deposited to this office by the Sheriff of Clayton County to appear on the 15th of April next at "Peano La Porte" to answer for an action of alleged trespass on the property of one James Clute another foreigner, and a Squatter near Fort Snelling - As it is likely I may be put to great trouble and expense in this case as well as in the Suit of Alexis Bailey instituted against me for so large of whiskey made in his possession under the Intercourse Act of June 1834.

Under such venacious circumstances I am necessarily though with extreme reluctance compelled to submit the kinds enclosed of the Government in not taking immediate action upon my resignation of this Agency as requested in my letter to the Office of Indian Affairs of the 15th of July last - I may need soon more than ever the kind sustaining hand of the Department against a large hundred conspiracy formed to crush me for vengeance sake. -

With high respect Sir
Yours most obedt Servt
Saul A. A. A.
Indian Agent
(As Agent)

Governor

North Western Agency Office
Iowa Territory October 7th 1839

I have to report the fact of my having been taken into custody on the 5th inst at the Suit of James Clute on a plea of trespass as set forth in the writ of inclosure - This action is commenced as I am informed in consequence of a Supposition of my having directed the Indians to visit a Whiskey Shop a short distance from Fort Snelling on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi & then in Charge of a Subject of her Britannic Majesty named Henry C. Mencke. This individual proceeded to Peano La Porte in this Territory and through a British Subject & a most notoriously disreputable character procured himself to be appointed Special Deputy Sheriff under the hand & Seal of John W. Griffith of Clayton County, and on the morning of the 5th inst as before stated at 6 O'Clock A.M., and before I was ^{entered my room & where I} clapped - was violently seized ^{upon} - thrown on the floor and a pistol held at my ear & thus remained for some twenty minutes exposed - There was no cause for this contemptible conduct as I was too much indisposed and too weak to make the slightest resistance - however much I may have ^{been} disposed to do so. This organ of the Sheriff of Clayton did not feel disposed to undertake his business & was for hurrying me down the River to Jail - refusing to receive any Security for my appearance - though the most ample & satisfactory was frequently proffered & as often rejected - At length finding things not to work to suit him he despatched the plaintiff James Clute for a Blank Bond - Mr Clute did not return and after being nine hours in custody as the Prisoner

This newly fledged Civil officer - I brought his attention to the interstate act of 1834 - demanded his passport - he could produce none and I at once sent him out of the Indian Country under a military escort though he the same evening swam the Mississippi back to the lower side in defiance of all law.

As it admits not of a doubt but that Joseph R. Brown - Henry C. Menck and James Claitor all of a notorious stamp for vile conduct in this country will cause my arrest again right or wrong - and I feel no disposition to avoid the calm action of the Law at any time - and may in consequence of their venetian proceedings in a hopeless case for them - yet he put to great trouble and much expense I have deemed it expedient for this cause and the additional fact ^{that} another jury constituted in 1834 by Alexis Bailey & reports says likely to be decided against me - to ask the Hon Sec of War to suspend the acceptance of ^{my} resignation of this Agency for the present & until I can save myself from ruin after twenty seven years of laborious service for the good of the country - Your Excellency will be pleased to receive & forward the enclosed letter through the Office of Indian Affairs to the Hon Sec of War for ^{his} consideration with high respect Sir

Your most Obedt Serv

To His Excellency The President. U. S. State
 The undersigned your Memorialist most
 respectfully begs leave to address you in this
 form - to the end that his antecedents may
 be truthfully known, and justly appreciated.
 From early youth a Jeffersonian Republican and
 from conviction the war of 1812 confirmed my
 Democracy, and with promptness the fine
 grown sons of a patriotic Mother were enrolled
 and mustered into a clear service in Virginia.
 One of these sons - your Memorialist - was on
 the 2^d of July 1813 attached to the U. S. Army as
 an Ensign - & from this grade rose to a first Lt.
 while on active service in Upper Canada.
 May 1815 on the reduction of the forces on the
 peace establishment was retained with his
 full rank in the F. U. S. Infy, and served on
 the Upper Lakes till the year 1819 - Resigned April
 1st 1819 - by request of President Monroe who had
 selected your Memorialist to accompany the
 Military Expedition under Leavenworth to
 the Falls of St. Anthony - as Agent for Indian
 Affairs - a Post at once dangerous and of great
 delicacy - requiring great firmness of action &
 kindness of deportment added to unwearied
 integrity of purpose - How far success attended
 the official Administration of Indian Affairs
 for a period of twenty years - with the North Western
 Tribes of Sioux, and their Neighbors - See the
 prosperity of Iowa - Wisconsin & Minnesota
 See not one drop of American blood shed
 by Army or Navy proper - the Sioux - Seneca as were
 my trials yet I was both feared and
 beloved by my people, and evil men

Kept in awe - Your Memorialist purposely
 forbears - to recount deeds which would
 have done honor to other men - preferring
 not the praise of men - but resting as we
 should on that hope which maneth not
 ashamed - duty to God, and our fellow man -
 we rest in hope of having done our duty -

Ill health, and a cold climate rather compelled
 your Memorialist to leave the North West - & retire on
 a small patrimony to civil life - Some four
 years of rest in a Mineral Spring upon
 in Penna. restored a healthy action in the system
 together with her pecuniary losses - included
 your Soldier & Civilian to ask for Discharge
 to the public Service under your Administration
 Hence you have seen the papers and
 reasons

