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An uncorrected
Journal or Memorandum
of events &c for the Agency
Noted daily

Indian Agency St Peter
(December 1st 1830
"

And part of 1831

December 1st 1830

Provision Returns —

31. Nations complete to the Interpreter

31- do do to the - Black Smith -

31- do — do to the - Shuter —

Weather mild for the season. River free from Ice

2^o. Decr -

Nothing of importance transpired at the Agency -
Aurora this day - but few Indians to be seen -

3^o.

Snow this day —

4th

at Cloudy but not very cold —

5th

some snow this day —

6, 7, 8, 9 - nothing new Indians quiet
and very generally out on their winter hunts.

10th

More snow this day

11th Nothing worthy of note -

12th 13th 14th 15th

We have had more or less snow for the last few
days & nights - this morning clear: At Sun rise there
appeared in the horizon to be 3 distinct Suns -

Two forming small circles like Rain Bow - not much
larger than the Sun & in a triangular form -
with it. — the refraction of the Sun Rays - no
doubt produced this effect. The Therm: was 4 degs below zero

Friday 24th Decr

The Indians well know at this date
the approach of Christmas Eve - 15. or
20 at the agency this morning —
— Snowing this morning —

Spence 20 Rats, Pork 40 Rats Bread
to poor Indians —

Paid — \$2. for Shaving a yoke of oxen —
at 20 \$ Jacob for 20 Bushels of Corn —

Sat. — 25th

A man up the St. Peter to see an Indian
Co. had been struck a violent
on head by Jim another Indian
The wood went up also - I dressed her
wound - I sent my Interpreter up with
other Australians. — She being delirious —

Paid Capt Gale for 20 Bushels corn \$20 —

Sunday 26th —

The Rev. Mr Coe gave us a short
discourse this day at 12: o'clock at the
Quarters of the Comd^y Officer at
Fort Redding — but few attended
which I regretted to see —

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Monday 27th Decr

S. Johns-

Several men sent up the Mississippi - 40 or 50 miles to the Indian Camps - partly to see how the Indians - progress in their hunts & to obtain venison. —

Tuesday 28th —

3 or 4 deer brought down - none of which however. reached my house as they were taken by the soldiers to the

But few Indians to be seen - an 18. woman old dependent ones -

Wednesday 29th —

Some few Indians say fifteen or twenty returned with furs & skins for their traders —

Weather continues cold and dry - this is the worst part of the season for stock in this country - from now until the 15th of March —

Thursday 30-

Fire Sleeping now & for some days
past - weather still very cold. -

One year & 8 months

I Paid in Cash on a/c
to Capt J.C. Culbertson

\$3584-29

Friday 31st Decr. -

20th 1830-

Cash pd. S Campbell Interpreter - \$105-
do do & Cratie Blacksmith - 90-
do do J Frauston - 45-
do do Doct R C Wood - - 100

\$340

Settled & paid J C Culbertson
his a/c from April 1830 to this date

9th months \$1507-12

2077-17

\$3584 29

Census for 1830. of the various
Bands or Tribes of the Seven Nations -

Sacota - in summe term -

Tribes	No. Souls	No. Warriors.
Tetons	3000	600
Yanktons	3000	800
Yanktonces	4000	800
Mankapasas	1500	300
Aufallalas	1500	300
Siones	4000	800
Cusitons	1000	250
Tons	850	160
Wahpacotas	650	125
Medawah Kantons	300	350
Total	20,800	4285

Some of the foregoing bands may be over rated
but it is certain that others are under rated. as
there is not a shadow of doubt now left at this
date as to the fact. that after uncommon pains
I find this column some two thousand
less than all the most authentic information
heretofore obtained by personal observations -

3000	850	5000
1000	650	2800
1000	1300	7800
5000	2800	

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Saturday January 1st 1831-

Provision returns given for journey to the
Interpreter - Black Smith & Stutter. —

Sunday 2^o —

Nothing of importance happened at the
Agency during all this day —

Monday 3^o —

This day began as yesterday - I do
not mind - but am very weak —

Tuesday 4th

Express left for Prairie du Chien - wrote to Genl
— Old Express - returned on the Ice -
day - various letters received by it -

from the Acty Sec of War. —

- 1. from Aug Kennedy —
 - 1. from H Lesson - Bedford. Pennsylvania
 - 1. For. Hay Taliaferro —
 - 1. from Mr G Taliaferro —
 - 1. from Mary L Taliaferro —
- } Very much

Wednesday 5th —

Nothing of importance happened during this
day - no Indians at the Agency —

Thursday 6

I am still in a delicate situation - my
Stomach very weak & appears to have lost
its tone altogether - nothing in the shape of
food appears to agree with me. —

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Tuesday 7.th January 1831

Received a Letter from A Bailey. Relative to the Trading Post at this place requesting information on several points. —

Saturday 8.th —

Mr Bailey's letter of the 7.th answered This day as fully as the nature of the case seemed to require of me. —

Sunday 9.th —

Preaching at the Fort this day by the Rev.^d Mr Coe — I am too much indisposed from bad health to attend —

Monday 10.th —

My Interferer up the Mississippi among the Indians to see how they are progressing in their hunts and as to the present hunting grounds of the Chipewags — sent a message —

Tuesday 11.th —

Some Snow this day — The Reports from Cannon River and Des Moines Country are distressing as it relates to ^{the} situation ^{of the Indians} in regard to food — The extreme cold weather — and deep snow has placed the Indians in a starving condition — in many sections of the Country —

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Wednesday 12th Jan'y 1831-

2^d. Attack of Cramp affections in the Stomach
not very violent but very oppressive to the
Lungs & Breast. —

Thursday 13th — 13th

Some Snow this day - snow fell last
night - a number of Indians arriving
from their hunts -

30 Indians - spent 30 Rats Bread -

Mascoutche, Chastah & others - gave me a Deer

Campbell returned from Crow River
is quiet -

Friday 14th — 14th

Several deer brought from the Indian Camp
above the Falls of St Anthony into the Fort this day
Spent 24 Rats Bread - & 10 Pounds of Pork to the
Sons. — as many were at the Agency

Saturday 15th — 15th

Alex Albertus applied, and received a Passport
for himself, and Peter Perrow to visit Travellers
Lions in the Indian Country for 10 days. —
Sent word to Mr Lablanc to inform the Indians that
they must be quiet, and attend to their hunts.

Mr Bailey left for the Indian Camp with
goods without the knowledge of the Agent -

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Sunday 16th Jan'y

The Rev. Mr. Allen Coe preached to the Troops and Citizens at the Quarters of the Comd'g Officer of Fort Snelling - at 12 O'clk —

An Indian treated Amisk by my servant this evening grievously to be redressed as soon as the Indian returns from his Camps. — Chippeways arrive

Monday 17th

Little Crow Chief sent his son with 20 of his Band to see me - to report their progress on the St. Croix both as to their neighbours the Chippeways, & their hunters. Several Chippeways from Rum River at the Agency this day - they brought furs to their traders. —
to the Sioux — 32 Oats Bread —

1 pound of Pork — 15 pounds of Tobacco
I gave a 2nd Blanket to bury a woman —

Tuesday 18th

Started my Interpreter for the River St. Croix to be gone ten days - on a mission to the Sioux, and the Chippeway camps on that River. —

The Rum River Chippeways left for their Camp this morning. Sent word to their people to hunt on their own Lands & not by any means to intrude upon the Soil of the Sioux. —

2 lbs Lead — 1:10 Powder & 10 lbs Tobacco given to the Red Boy and other Indians. —

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Wednesday 19th

Irish Spears - made for Indians - as they are
now taken by cutting holes through the ice
one are repaired for myself —

Paid = Bonnac - for 42 Bushels of Corn \$3.75-

A few Neahpeton - Sioux reached the Agency
this day from their encampment near Sauk
River =

A Keg of Powder - 25. pounds borrowed for
the use of the Indians —

Nothing further occurred this day —

Thursday 20th

A Chippeway from Rum River - with
news for their trader - peace still continues
between these people and the Sioux. They
have their encampments in the neighbourhood
of each other along the northern & eastern
line from Chippeway River to Old Tail Lake
and Red River —

The officers of the 1st at Fort Snelling
had a party (dancing) this evening - at which
were the Ladies & gentlemen - Civil and
Military - the Room was tastefully
decorated - and the evening passed
pleasantly —

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Friday 21st - Jan'y 1831

Weather for two or three days past rather more mild - This morning the wind is high which blows the snow already fallen into drifts. Report that 2 kegs of Whiskey have been given to the Indians of Petit Corbeaux Band they behave improperly to Mr Bailey's family.

Saturday 22^d

Nothing of importance transpired at the Agency during all this day - No Indians to be seen -

Sunday 23^d

The snow fell this day - on the Praries - The Indians report it to be 3 feet deep -

The Crane and the Hole in the Day - and other Chippeways at the Agency this day.

Several Squatona Sioux also at the Agency.

Spent 24 Rais Bread 20-pounds of Pork

- 15 lbs of Tobacco -

Mr. Cultureson man Quin called for Mr C's Passport this evening - which was sent -

Monday 24th January

Passports granted to P. Laro & Joseph Leroy
to pass up the Mississippi.

Mrs Bt. Laro to pass up the River & Peter
into the Sioux country.

Alex Leatherson to pass into the Indian
Country on the St Croix.

The Chippeway - called The Hole in the Day -
is the person that shot the son of Shacope
& wounded the other near Crow River last
fall - He offered to give himself up to be
punished with death if I thought proper.

Tuesday 25th

The Aakpitan Sioux & the Chippeways of Sandy
Lake - have a truce at my request until next
summer - then they are near each other - hunting
between the River Crow, and Sault.

The St Peter Sioux, and the Chippeways of Rum
River have a truce also at my mediation
and are encamped near the line of the
Crow & above Rum Rivers.

Petit Corbeaux Band of Sioux of the Mississippi
& the Chippeways of the St Croix - have a truce
also - & are hunting on the St Croix & along
their line towards the Chippeway River - I
dispatched my Interpreter to see them at
their own Camps.

Wednesday 26th Jan'y

Mr Campbell returned from the
St. Croix - all quiet there between the
Sown and Chippewas -

Mr. C. brought 8 deer very fat -
Indians do not hunt well this year
Game is abundant -

Thursday 27th

Wah, ma, de, tun, kah - Chief of the Village
reached the Agency this day from his hunting
camp - Several other boxes at the Agency
received 16. Rats Bread = 10 pounds Pork

10^{lbs} Tobacco

Friday 28th

Conversation with the Comd'g Officer - Capt
Gale upon the Subject of Indians. Visiting the
Fort - I have said that it was improper - &
since so again - Whiskey is given by every officer
of the Command without an exception -
This fact should be sufficient to prohibit all
intercourse with the Fort -

Capt Gale states that he is fearful that if
he were to prohibit entirely the visits of Indians

to his command or from the walls of his
Fort - That such a measure would create
unfriendly feelings towards the Post from them
I stated that Maj: Fowle, & Hamilton had
during their command here - issued orders that
no Indian whatever should be permitted to
enter the Fort - That I had the Order - Cor:
renewed to my Indians, and that it made
no difference in our intercourse whatever
with them - I feel my strength among
them, and would vouch for their loyalty
in any event. -

Saturday 29

- dear Sir

Since our conversation of yesterday - I am
induced to remark that ~~another~~ to put a final
stop to all future discussion on the part of the
Officers & others at this Post upon the subject of the
Indians - having intercourse with the Command
would it not be as well to prohibit all intercourse
in future - except in cases where it becomes
officially necessary to admit them? You may
permit me to assure you that I would be answer-
able for the conduct of the Indians - & that nothing
~~is injurious to my Indian friends~~
~~disagreeable to your command~~ could or would be
the result of such a measure. - Let us cooperate
in all things calculated to the production of good
in our respective Stations

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Sunday 30th January 1831

Several respectable Indians at the Agency
I explained to them through my Interpreter
my views and wishes on the subject of their
Visits to the Fort - Explained fully the evil
effects to them resulting from such a course
& finally that it was my wish for all my
Indians to act honestly with their Traders, by
paying up their Credits and also not to
neglect their families by encamping near
the Fort - in hopes of obtaining Whiskey &c &c
An Indian killed at Alex Fairbanks's Trade-
store - Whiskey was given the Indian for
furs - by Mr. F - The deceased then invited
one of his friends to drink with him - The
invitation was accepted - When this friend
becoming inflamed with the Liquor - very
unhospitably - sunk his Tomahawk into
the head of his host - Whiskey it is said
does no harm in the Trade by persons intem-
perate - but the foregoing is only one of the
many hundred fatal occurrences from its
use in procuring furs unlawfully

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Monday 31st Janry

3rd Kah munn

Face of Thunder

Little Son

With a detachment of Wahpetons
& of the 5. Lope Bands reached the Agency
this day—

The Riser— and other Chipewyans
arrived from Rum River—
Peace between these people and the
Agency has continued this winter on a
line of 340 miles above & below this Post

Tuesday February 1st

Sir/

Your orders relation to Citizens and
others without the Fort ^{are bound to others} that it is impossible
for us to keep ^{anyway informed} ~~the~~ ^{them} unless you
will permit the Agent to notify us of the changes
which you may find it expedient to make
I have unsparingly for private objects as well as
private to send to the ^{Agency} Commisaries & Sellers Store
within the Fort. & I find this morning that all
my Servants ~~as well as~~ ^{as well as} those attached to the
Agency are restricted

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Wednesday 2^d Feby —

The Chiefs - Face of Thunder & of the Water-
Hunters come - & their followers left this for
their camp near Sack River on the Mississippi

25 lbs Tobacco - 10 lbs Powder -

100 Rats of Bread & 100 Rats Pork -

Gave them 2 bushels Ready^l. of Corn
out of my private stores. —

The Express Mail returned from
Paine del Chero this day —

President's Message received —

Letter official from Col Morgan

Private from Doc M & Taliaferro

Various papers received —

Buckner Elected Senator for Missouri

in place of Barton — good

E K Kane & Gen Robinson from Illinois

Gen R - in place of the lamented McLean

The President's Message wise, and most
devotedly Patriotic —

Thursday 3^d Feby

Meeting of most of the Troops of the 1st Infantry Stationed at Fort Snelling. This morning -

A: Keg of Tobacco - (100 lbs) purchased of the Sutter for the use of the Indians -

Wrote to Col Marfan - Letter dated 2^d Feb -
Return to the Chippeways & Menomonees

Friday 4th

Snow and high wind all this day & night
few Indians to be seen -
no news of importances from any section of
the Indian Country.

Saturday 5th

Leut Williams & Mr Bailey left for the
Village of Prairie du Chien - 300 miles in Sleighs
on the Ice - which is good at this season -

My Servant Stopped by the guard again this day
on going into the Fort - Since again to have been
a mistake of the Sentinel. -

Bath = a male calf - this day -

Wahmactumboh Camp this day at
my house this evening -

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Her 17 days below Sunday 6th Feby

Black Tomahawk - and several Sioux at
the Agency during this day - gave them Tobacco.
Some Sapitong - Sioux - from Bavenue des Sioux
Nothing important transpired during this day.

Black dog abused by the largest Sioux out of his
Thorn: — Monday 7th
15¹/₂ days below Zee —

Some five Yankton Sioux of the West here
this morning - issued 30 Rats Pork & Bread.

Many of the Sioux from different Bands
collecting at small camps near the Fort
Reported to the Comdg Officer their idle
habits and disposition to get Whiskey —

Intemperance at the Fort & its effects upon the Soldiers as well
as the Indians. —

My Opinions on the subject —

1st That no whiskey whatever ought to be
permitted by the Govt to reach the Post
except the Soldiers Rations —

2^d No whiskey allowed for the Indian Trade
not one drop —

3^d Soldiers & Indians kept distinct as
far as practicable - Forts kept sacred
from Indian inspection —

Some Snow this evening

Tuesday 8.th Feby, 1831

2^d Day of Raymonds employments to cut
wood at 50. Cts. per day -

Mr Prescott wrote for an axe to be
sent to Eatonville - Lake Calhoun -
Old Keyah brought the note -

Several Indians & other work at the
Agency during this day

Spent 24 Nuts Bread

24 Nuts Pork

40 plugs Tobacco

here
July
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feby.

Wednesday 9.th Feby

Borrowed an axe from the Asst 2^d M.

This day - to be returned Apr 15th -

Lent it to P Prescott at Eatonville -
Lake Calhoun -

Some few Indians at the Agency
None on particular business with the
Agent -

Louisa Graham arrived with
two Trains from Prairie du Chien -
one loaded for the Pub. -

No news of consequence -
Capt Backer had gone into Chippewa River

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Thursday 10th Feby 1831

The Grey Main a wahpacoota head man
and some others of his people arrived
at the agency -

Spent 24 Rats of Mead 24 of Pork -

24 plugs Tobacco -

The Officers Row of buildings took fire
in the Room of Lieut Greenough. which was
with difficulty - extinguished - wind blew

Friday 11th

Nothing of particular note occurred
this day - further than a second
alarm of fire at the Fort - which
was soon extinguished -

Indians encamping in considerable
numbers contiguous to the Fort

Fish in considerable numbers taken
in the Ponds near the River St Peter
through the ice - 25 pair of fish spears
made by the Black Smith -

23

Saturday 12th Feby 1831

Considerable Eclipse of the Sun
This day - more than half - in 45. We
Camped at 10 & packed off 1/2 past 12. We
Many idle Indians about - in fact
Some have done nothing all winter
Such receive nothing from me -
Talked with Grey Back - This day -
& sent certain messages to the Wah-
hacootas. —

Sunday 13th —

wrote to Genl Stuart - Indian Agent
at Pease au chens. —

Capt R. B. Mason - 1st Infantry
at Fort Crawford —

N. P. Fetterman - Bedford (Pa)
Legislature Harrisburg —

Messrs Graham, and Menard
left with two harness on the ice
for Pease au chens —

Monday 14th Feby 1831

Indians - from the Supton - Webster
and McClanahan band of
Sioux at the Agency this day -

Black Smith ordered to make 30 pair
fish spears - large & some smaller ones

1. Hoe given to the Smoky Day -
= =

24 Rats Bread

24 Rats Pork

20 flap Tobacco - given

Tuesday 15th Feby -

Rats Bread & Pork 20 - given to Indians
this -

Traps 12 - up for Mr. Faubault per
Indian Chief - moose one
one are found into a hoe - Sumner

P. Quinn - returned from South River
from the Horse & Chipewyan Camps
150 miles up the Mississippi -
Weather very mild all this day -

Wednesday 16th 1831

Wind changed Snow - with high wind all last night until 8 o'clock this morning now clear & cold - Snow drifting

8 Rats of Bread issued to Indians -

Thursday 17th

Wahkon-tunkah -

Pianchetah - & 30 men of Petit Corbeaux band of Sioux at the Agency this day.

They spoke of having met the Chippewas of St. Louis - Lac Courtineau & of the Chippeway River. with. They spoke and smoked in peace - some few however declined to do so

3 gals Whiskey - 12 Rats Bread
26 Rats of Pork - 5 lbs Tobacco

The chief Petit Corbeaux sent the foraging detachment ahead as he intended to hunt for a few days - previous to coming in with the rescue of his people. -

Friday 18th Feby 1831

More than 300 kins have returned
from their hunts. & are encamping
at one two, & three miles from the
Agency. —

Saturday 19th —

In Council —

Kocomoko — } and other head men
Kasampah }

Kasampah - Said

My Father -

I call to let you know what
I have done with the Pipe you gave me
yell. It has been used for good -
we have met the Chippeways. talked and
smoked together on our beds in friendship.
The Pipe which I now present you is our place
of the one I received from you. and is from the
Wind Chief sent by him that you may be its
and that his intentions might be considered
He spoke well (The Wind) he said you were
his father and would always listen to
your words as he wished to be at peace
with us - we have passed the winter
together without doing any thing bad.

My Father. For what hapience last Summer
is made no aptharmid. but we could not
help it as we were at the Treaty - you asked
us to go down there some good might be
done. but it appears that some of our
people will be foolish, and will act badly
My Father - I leave the Pipe of the Chippeways
with you as it is their wish to look at it
when they come to see you. also to see whether
our intentions towards them are good. —

My Father. We wish our Canoes to be kept
as of the Chippeways. This winter when
I was they had a Camp on our Canoes
by which means we suffered in our hunts.
We do not like this & hope you will attend
to it. we know you have ordered them
often not to encamp on the Canoes of
our people. but - they will do it —

My Father. We know you have nothing on hand
for your Children. but we hope you
will give us some Pork & Bread &
a little Tobacco. as our Pipes are
out & have been for some time our
old men will be pleased —

Reply

My friends & children

I feel pleased at your words this day - it gives me hope now of living you
one another day - you speak wisdom and
the Great Spirit witnesses what you say. -

= You have long listened to my Councils
12. winters have passed since you first
heard the sound of my voice - your
children have grown up & become men
since the first day we met on the
St. Peters - and many of the old bandages
which have fallen from the trunk of
the old oak of your Nation - has been
replaced by younger but not better ones.

= They & you should think of my Councils
and theirs - for what we have said has
been for the peace & happiness of all

= Your wars with the Chippewas, can
mean us of service to any one - for as
fast as you destroy one - two or three
more young men are ready to take
the track of their deceased friend -

We all people among you ought to know
this - at the long war between you -

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My children -

Your Great Father has had much to do with war - but his heart is changed for peace & he wishes all his Red children as well as his white ones to follow his good example - he knows this course to be best for all - we should endeavour to please him - for by doing so. we shall please the Great Spirit also - You will see your children growing up around you and your wives smiling as you approach from your day hunt -

I have written to your Great Father - whose door is always open to the Cries of his Red children - to let him know your situation I look for something good from below soon - Your affairs with the Chippewas may in the course of the summer rest - be finally settled on the same plan as with the Sacs & Foxes - This course will be best for all, as neither you nor they can then properly have further cause for war -

My children -

I must go to the Village of the Red Race as soon as the Ice departs - I go to bring something to cause you to smile - in the mean time my children - make me not ashamed to see him -

Sunday 20th February 1881

Spent 50 Rats Bread —
50 Rats Pork —
20 lbs of Tobacco —

Some snow during the night —

Monday 21st

Barrel of Pork drawn from the Cruz —
for the visiting Indians —

Spent 8 Rats of Bread & Pork to today
Council held by the Comdy Officer Capt Gale
with a few Indians —

Spent to them 80 Rats Pork & 80 Flour
at present to Patrick Dyer for 15 days —

Tuesday 22-

Putahakeh - Chief. 25 miles away arrived
from his hunt with 30 men at the
Agency this day - after Council - gave him
30 Rats Bread - 50 Rats Pork - 10 lbs Tobacco
3 gallons of whiskey. The last for good
conduct towards the Chippewas —

Shacope's sons - in mourning for the loss of
their son by the Chippewas last fall
made a small present to them. —

Party at the Comdy Officers Quarters in Fort Snelling
Washington's birth day. —

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note Wednesday 23^d

Servant Jim Eliason delivered of a female child
this morning after 1. o'clock A.M.

39 Indians - with Rowmoko.
Counseled with the Army Officer
this day —
— 80 Rats Pork & Flour - was given
them - and —

Thursday 24th

But few Indians to be seen there
except those at the Fort in quest
of provisions —

Nothing new or important from the
Lacrus =

Mr Cote left for Sandy Lake —

The Agency House occupied by Mr
Loughman the Sub Agent - took fire
late at night in the Roof & from
the inside - plain that it must
have been intentionally done.
For what purpose or with what
views God only knows —

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Friday 25th Feby-

Weather now mild this day —
which causes a considerable thaw and
melting of the snow. —

Chippeways from Snake River at
the Agency this day. —

20 Rain Band 20 Rain Post

Saturday 26th

Thaw with some slight mist
continues this morning. which will
be likely to interrupt hauling wood
on the ice. —

yahpah - the Lie & other head men
& 40 warriors at the Agency - Report that
the Little Band had recently killed one
of the Pilgrims - Band of Chippeways - one
of Istak Moweth's people —

This party requests to be permitted to
pay a visit to the Comdy Officer —

Rain commenced falling this evening
the first since November last. —

The snow the deep will disappear soon

Sunday 27th Feby —

Penetion - Chief & his people 29-

Anogenaswah. 2^d & his — as — 15-

Total 44-

Held a Council

Rain all this day. the River will be high
very high from present appearances —

Lieut Williams & Mr Bailely returned this evening
from Peace du Chienso. but brought no mail
there having been no arrival since December.
Received one letter from Colonel Morgan
also from Genl Stuart - Indian Agent -

Monday 28th

Ten yards of Calico - purchased for Indians
Indians in considerable numbers at the
Agency this evening —

I am this day 37 years of age —
having been born in the County of King-
George - Virginia - 28 Feby 1794 -
& 19 years engaged in the Army &
the Dept of Indian Affairs in
four Administrations —

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Tuesday March 1st / 1831—

Some snow this day - light —

Penton & Black dog Chaps - went to
The Fort to Commence with the Comd Officer

Recd. 100 RP + 100. RB + 100 R Whiskey from them.

Medicine dance near the Agency this day

Some of the Indians - pulled the tail of a
young deer of mine off - near where the dance
was —

Note & Letter received of Mr A Bailly by
one of his Frenchmen - Note dated 2nd inst

Wednesday. — 2nd

Snow and Rain all this morning. —

Interpreter — } 31- Complete Rations
Black Smith } Returned for them —
Labourer — }

Thursday 3rd —

Letter, and Note received from A Bailly
a trader near this Port —

which I did not reply to - it being consi-
dered in its character - exceptionable
and wanting in courtesy as well
as politeness in every respect —

3: Soldiers left Express for Pease as
chances see very bad —

Friday 4th March 1831—

One B^l of Pork drawn for Indians—

Rats Pork — R Flour R Whiskey R Beans.

90:0 — 10:0 — 90:0 — 90:0

drawn for men cutting timber for Council
House at the Agency at St. Peters. —

400 Indians encamped near the Agency many
from a distant band in a starving condition

Saturday 5th

A few chippewags from Kew Kew arrived
at the Trading House near this Port —

nty of Wahpawotia Sioux — also a number
of Jupitons & other remote Indians —
Four R^B. drawn from Kew Kew private of this day.

Sunday 6th

Weather more pleasant — cold fero seen
& a few ducks — Ice remains firm —

Spent 30 Rats of Pork & Flour to
the house —

Nasumpah & the Two Faces Brother
at my house — both came drunk, and
consequently disposed to be troublesome

I lost 11. Eleven Pigs in the last day or two
Recd a note from Mr. P. Prescott

Monday. 7th March 1831 — S^t Peter

A large collection of Sioux & some few
Chippeways at the Agency this day —

The Sioux Son - a head man went to the Fort for
provisions & was abused in his person by Private
Laurie of (E) Company - I sent my Interpreter
with the Indian & a note to the Comdg Officer
Capt Gale - the last of it -

Hired 4 men to go timber at Lake Culhouse.

Tuesday 8th

- 1 Baillie
 - 2 Derby
 - 3 Prescott
 - 4 Vapour
- } These men hired at \$12 per month
to cut, & carry timber out of the pine
Swamp for the Agency Council House —

4 Indians in the Fort this day - Several of whom
went to my house drunk as usual, & spent as much
— 24 Rats Pork & Bread given —

Wednesday — 9th March

The Mississippi - appears to rise slowly - The Ice remains
Coffin made - for the Body of Peandulak's Daughter -
The Indians come out of the Fort drunk with it -
& are very troublesome at my house. —

Indians flock to this Port in February & March
to idle away their time from their hunts - The
Comdg Officer contrary to rule will give
larger sums to these people - than I will
of meat, Bread & whiskey - so that they
will flock to the Fort —

myself & family much troubled with drunken Indians

Thursday 10th March

Some Rain this morning - Cool weather -
about 20 - Indians Men & women at the Fort
Gave 20 Rats of Bread 20 of meat to the Crows.
Son for his Father proper. -
An Indian very drunk at the Fort gate -
Some rain during the evening of this day which
increased at night. -
Capt Gale directed the Big Thunder to take his
Father the Little Crow that he wished to see him
to hold a council with him - As the Captain wish
or consent did not pass through me. I directed my
men. to say to the Chief that. until he was
that case he could not visit the Fort: nor should
my Interpreter render on the occasion.

Friday: 11th

Some Snow this morning - wind light
most of this day - unpleasant -
Many Indians talk about the Post - idling
away their time - young men as well as others
I observe Indians from the Missourie & various
Sections of the Sioux Country -
Mosomouch - Chief 2^d Band of Wahpeton Sioux
reached the Agency this day with his people
from the Little Rapids - Council Tomorrow
Gave - 12 Rats Bread 12 Rats Pork -

Saturday - March 1831

Cold & disagreeable weather this morning -
Recd a note from Mr Prescott 300 Loops will
be cut by this evening at the Lake Calhoun
for the Council House here, & for buildings there

50 Rats Bread }
50 of Pork - } Given to the Neapfeon Sioux -
Mesomone/Said -

My Father - I have suffered greatly this winter
look at me my Father - I am without flesh on my
bones - my people have starved all winter - our
hunts have been bad, & game scarce -

My Father - we are sorry to trouble you - as we
know have nothing to give at this time, but
I hope you will feed my women & children
- they are very hungry - I wish you also
to fill up our pipes - for we have nothing
to smoke - Tobacco is scarce with us -

My Father - I have obeyed your words & kept your
Councils so far - my people have shaken
hands with the Chippeways, & hereinafter mean
them this winter -

My Father - I hope you will take pity on our
situation we are hungry & tired and we
wish a little of your breast Milk - to
take the stiffness from our limbs - If you
will do this my Father we shall be pleased

Reply of The Agent -

My Friends - I have listened attentively to your
 chief - and feel sorry for the sufferings of his
 people - you are not alone in misery -

For most of your nation have done but little
this past winter - consequently have kept hungry -
 your trader at the Rapids - complains very much
 of his customers - he says to me that you have
 treated him badly - you have his goods - but
 he cannot show anything which you have paid
 him in return for them -

I am sorry to hear this of any of my children
 you will want clothing another year &
 where will you find another trader who
will trust you -

you are too fond of coming to this Post -
 at a time when you should be on your hunt
 you idle away the best season when Furs
 might be had to support your families -
 you all know these words to be true - and
ought to be ashamed -

If you expect whiskey - you are mistaken
 I will not encourage idleness nor intem-
 perance - stay at your lodges - or hunt
 do not hang about the Fort - when you
 can get nothing good - I will make
 you ashamed if you do not listen to
 my words. you all have become unfeeling
 in your lands

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Sunday 10 - March 1831

Read Mr Bently letter of the 16th of February
lost to several of the officers of this Post
who were generally indignant at its contents
to wonder every Gutterman -

Indians at the Fort. from 20 or 30 -
Letter Crow sent me word he would see me
in a day or two - by 3 young men -

Monday 14th

Orders to keep Indians into the Fort - exten-
ded to the officers generally -

I have in vain applied to have all my Indians
excluded as they get drunk in Fort Snelling
& give me much unnecessary trouble. -

Indians came out of the Fort Levee
& stopped as usual at my house -

Sent Jacob to the Lake Calhoun this evening
with the cattle to haul out timber - cut
for rebuilding the Council House -

35 Bats of Pork = Flour - Beans & Whiskey
sent out to the Lake. -

The weather continues cold and the
Ice in the River firm -

Four RB drawn from Bake House Private

of - to be deducted from Indian A/c -

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Tuesday 15th March

= weather cold with high winds -
at the Fort this day -

But few Indians to be seen anywhere -
except in the Fort - Two of whom were drunk
and called at my house - one of which I
had to put out at the door - for abusive
& improper language

Wednesday 16th

Sent my Interpreter to the Little Cross-
Camp at the Pine turn - 15 miles below
the Chipewyan - I had information
that whiskey was to be sent by traders to his
Camp - very cold all this day

Wahpeton - Sioux from the Little Rapids
called at my house - I sent them off
as my Interpreter was absent -

A number of Indians about my house
this day all of whom went into the
Fort.

No particular news from any section of
the Indian Country of a late date -

Four RB. drawn from the Baker House - private
A/c - this evening.

Thursday 7th of March 1831

Mr Campbell returned from the Crows-

He made no discoveries.

Moosemonee - the Washpeton Chief with his people again at the Agency -

He left his Pipe, and after a short talk they left for the Little Rapids

Spent 45: Rats Pork & Bread -
- 10 lbs of Tobacco - 3 galls whiskey -

Friday 18th

Little Crow Chief, & his people at the Agency - held a Council & a long talk with him and his followers -

Spent 52 Rats Bread 50 lbs Pork
20 lbs Tobacco - 5 galls whiskey

The old Chief left much delighted with his reception and my Talk. he departed singing the song which was often repeated when on his trip to Washington City in 1824. -

This Chief was invited to the Fort but I had my reasons for refusing him permission to accept it - Indians ought not to vent our Military ^{power} at any rate on any principle -

Saturday - 19th March

Some thirty or forty Indians at the Agency this day - nothing of importance transpired -

40 R Pork 40 do of Flour 40 of Whiskey
40 of Beans - issued to four men -
at Lake Culhoun at work for the Agency. ——— up to April 12th ———

Sunday 20th

on Route of the 1st Regt - in copying the S Piers on the Ice broke in & remained for some length of time in the water in a critical situation - water 20 feet deep -
40 Indians in the Fort this day ———

Monday 21st

Black Leg - with parts of his people the Wahpetons - Superintendent Gaudin & Co called to see me this day ———

48 RB- 30 lbs Pork - 4 fads whiskey
20 lbs of Tobacco - given them ———

Sunday 22. much

Nothing of importance transpired this day
Two drunken soldiers - in crossing the Peter's
broke through the ice & were near being drowned
They were exceedingly alarmed & made a tremendous
noise & yelling for assistance - the men from
the Fort released them although late at night

Wednesday 23rd

Some rain this day - & wind - from 30
Indians at the Fort gate - men women &
Boys - from Leach's pen this day in Fuchs
some few brought in.

Thursday 24th

Sent out to collect some Cedar & other
trees to plant in the house yards - set out
numbers. — At the Fort this day —

some 15 or 18 Indians there.

"I find that there is something of a combination
of persons - at work day after day to pick
at my actions both public & private - I cannot
well keep name those suspected - but a few
weeks will determine both their names as
well as their views - both will be unmasked
— I sometimes believe that these persons are
about attempting to carry their plans by the
means of the Arm Far Cry - the Tool used
here for this purpose is a Wm. Minis Bailey
a hater of happy memory. —

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I have been led into the foregoing remarks
this day - upon serious ~~fully~~ though pretty
well founded - but as to the result - I am
not at all uneasy - being clear in Conscience
and well assured of an easy & triumphant
Victory of any and all Secret workers of
iniquity - They will be paid in their own Coin.
For no person ever did a ^{purpose} ~~wantonly~~ injury to another
without doing a greater to himself. —
Every attempt heretofore made by Rollette and
Bailey to do me injury - through the influence
of their Company has failed - they have tried
Administrations - but their views and
character would not bear out their gross
revels charges & fully proven to have been
both fraudulent and vexatious.

Friday 25

The Mississippi, and St. Peter's Rivers broke
up this day - It is a remarkable fact that
this is the 4 year that these Rivers have
broken up simultaneously on the 25 of
March.

Several of the head men of the house
to see me this day previous to leaving
for their Spring hunting - no news from the
interior - & nothing from Washington City
since the 6th of December last - nearly
4 months. Our Express expected they having
Ran au Chas.

Valermy arch 1831—

Paid off - the following for Cutting Timber
for Council house & enclosing Plott —

400 House Logs — } \$ 40 —
400. Fencing Rails — }

P. Prescott — \$ 10 — — }

Bartlett — 10 — — }

Leuby — 10 — — }

L Vapour — 10 — — }

\$ 40 - over on Sullen

Rice - preceptible this day in both Rivers -

Sunday 27th —

Papports granted - to pass into the Indian
country - as far as Havens des Sioux

Just Jeffersons Vail - 15 days -

Also Cultivators — }

Joseph Dewey — }

John B. M. Yea — } 10 days —

Weather more pleasant - cold sun

seen this day - gentlemen generally

riding out and walking -

The Ladies also —

Monday 28th March

Pleasant this morning - Cedar, poplar
and pine Trees - transplanted - many
planted in my house yard - It may be
the 10th of April before we can commence
Gardening to advantage in this climate.
White washing, & plastering the house -
Violent rain commenced this evening
wind from the south east. —

Some few Indians at the Fort —
carry Pipes - Stems - game &c which
they dispose of to the officers & men for
Bread, and Whiskey. —

Tuesday 29th

Snow 6: in deep this morning —

Rain commenced at 10 o'clock A.M. —
The S^t Peter and Mississippi still on the rise
and every prospect of his water for the next
two or three months —

Some few Indians in the Fort this day
many of them are daily visitors. —

News received that the Uaupacootas -
Septim, and South Yankton Sioux talk
of making a blow upon the Sacs & Foxes
on the ground that the latter have not
to hunting on

W. C. C. March 1831—

Clear, and Cool This morning—

Distressing occurred

Mr Langham's little Daughter - 3 years & 1/2 years old - was taken off - by some person unknown This morning Struck several severe blows on the head which rendered her senseless. They then buried the Child under the litter in one of Mr L's Stables - but a few yards from his house - when he found her after hunting some time - being attracted to the spot by hearing the moans of some person which proved to be the lost Child -

I sent for an Indian girl of the Yankton Band who it was stated had been about the house at the time of the disappearance of the Child - but matters could not be sufficiently ^{elucidated} against her - The little girl had seen my house but a few minutes previous to her abduction - when I was in Council with some Chiefs. — I suspect the Maids Servant of Mr L - & do does several other gentlemen — Not long ago Mr L's house was set a fire in as equally a mysterious manner - no one about the house except a white fire-moat of the Family being absent at the Fort —

Some thirty Indians at the Fort This day—

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Thursday 31st March 1831.

Snow this morning - which commenced to fall very fast & heavily in the night over 7. inches. - from 12 inches must have fallen as the ground had become rain.
Mr Langham's little daughter continues delicious all this day & appears worse than last evening - no clue as yet to the hooded ruff upon this unoffending child. —

Engaged all this day in closing my accounts for the 1st 2nd 1831 - ending this day —
of adms - duplicate Receipts &c all closed

Friday 1st of April.

Snow remains firm on the ground - cool and cloudy this morning -

Draft on Genl Clark in favour of J. C. Culbertson for \$ 221-63 = payable at Sight —

Genl William Clark Sept wrote to him enclosing duplicate A/C's - for the 1st 2nd 1831 - ending on the 31st March.

Copies of various official correspondence also enclosed & forwarded by the April Express —

Snow - considerable fall during this day Indians from 15th at the Fort —

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The Express departed - 4 men in a Skeff - To
convey the Mail to the Post Office at
Beane du Chen - our return Express daily
Expected -

The Servant girl of Mr Langham Confessed to
James another Servant - after she was confined
that she did attempt to murder Mr L's little
Daughter in the Stable where she had taken
her under the pretence of hunting Eggs -
but denied putting fire to his house or of
being the cause of the death of his first infant
or of an attempt to injure the 2^d -

I was sure of this from the moment the
little girl was whispering that this vile
Negro was guilty -

Sunday 3^d

An Iron collar - Ball & chain & hand Cuffs
put on - Mariah the Servant Girl of Mr
Langham - who Confessed the fact of being
the cause of the injury his little Daughter
received - but not with intent to Kill -
This is precedent for the Negro to deny. but
I am fully convinced of his diabolical
intentions - not only in the case referred to
but in several others - such as putting fire
to the house - murdering one & attempting
two or three times to murder the 2^d Twin -
Child of Mrs L. -

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Serut Vail, and Mr Culbertson returned
from Laramie and Laramie this evening —
No news from their Quarter. —

Monday 4th April

Little Crow Chief 2^d, and his Son at the Fort

This Chief his Son & Nariampah left the Fort drunk
The Comd^g Officer had given returns for Whiskey-
Bread & Pork — after starting down the River
the Canoe capsized they lost all & with
difficulty got to the shore —

Issues of Provisions to Indians should not be made
to them by any one when the Agent is —
Present — the day begins to too. — 50 R.B. 50. P.M. 50 Whiskey

Tuesday 5th

Decks seize &c brought by the Indians
to the fort to trade for Bread Whiskey &c
Our Ensign - 1st — which left for Ram on 2nd of March — has now been
absent more than three months &
is progressing in the service. —

We have not had intelligence from Washington
City since the 6th of December last past
Harris and Waplesoff in poor Boatswain
snow fell this evening. —

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But few Indians at the Post. and those
were in the Fort as usual — One or two
of whom came over drunk. generally taking
my horse in their route to their Lodges —
Unpleasant weather a part of this day —

No news of our March Express — as yet
An Indian killed at Warshas Village in
a drunken frolic in March past —

8:00 AM. Spent to Indians. —

Thursday 7th April

1½ dozen Hoes by the Black Smith for Indians

30 pair of fish Spears —

1 Plough - repaired. — 20 axes. —

70 axes upset and staked —

40 axes made into small Hoes - for upper house

The Indian called (The last man) reached this
Post to day - at my request he was taken
into the Fort & placed in the guard House
Having been by his own people reported
to have burnt the Council House in August
1830. an investigation will take place
on tomorrow - as to all the facts of
the case as to the guilt, or innocence
of the Indian. — . — .

Friday 8th April

I with the Comdg Officer investigated into the affair of the burning of the Council House. testimony not being at hand. The Indian has been for the present released. but will be brought up in a few weeks - or as soon as certain Indians return from their hunts - I am disposed to believe him guilty of the charge. —

Little Crow Chief at the Fort this day. —

Afterwards when at my house he appeared as I saw — Mr Langham & Mr Bailey being present. Capt G. asked him at the store these two questions.

- 1 Why he did not come to see me the 1st day. —
he came to the Post
- 2 If some person did not enter his camp & seize or take away furs from his people
- 3 Why he did not shoot any man who would do so - & why had he not made complaint to the Agt or him as Comdg Officer
- 4 If he was to enter his Lodge & act in this way would he not shoot him —
- 5 He Capt G. was pleased him to take over Indian Affairs - Indian Traders & the Indians & if they did not behave to us then & leave them punished
- 6 - If he the Chief did not report things that happened he should — his Fort & etc

ought to shoot
my men first.

or their property by force from their Coops -
This case having a bearing on the Conduct
of Mr Bailey. The Chief let fall some remarks
when drunk, which induced Mr B. on the 8th
Ind to question him when duty sober as to what
he had hinted, and as to the general remarks
made to the Chief on the 4th Ind by the Army
Officer Cape Gale thro Mr Alex Cullenborn. Inter
preter on the occasion - when the conversation
as no from 1 to 7. took place - Mr Bailey
complained to me as Agent for Indian Affairs
to protect him as was likely. That from the
nature of Cape Gale's advice to the Chief. That
he or his people when with the Indians
might be shot or otherwise ill treated. -

sent for my Interpreter, & the Chief. to whom
I made some very plain, and proper remarks
without once naming the Comd^g Officer. -
in fact such an impression was made upon
him as will be sufficient to cause both himself
& people to pay what they owe justly and
to protect their traders. - Indians will
not suffer any person to take their property
if they owe it. They ^{will} submit & say nothing
when taken from them - I never in my life
advised them to any hostile or improper course
but to complain to me when injured. -

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Snow Saturday 9th April

Had some conversation with Capt Gale the Officer
Commanding Fort Snelling in relation to the remarks
of the latter Gov Chief & of Mr Bailey & others.
Most of the remarks referred to had been made
as stated by the Chief - I am sorry for various reasons
that such conversations so Subversive of good order should
be by any official organ of the Govt be comm^d to Indians. -
Such advice to Indians in opposition to that of the Agents
pursuing the most pacific course. must result in difficulty.
It is not proper for any trader to be employed to Council
to render for the Com^d Officer or any other public functionary
any when another traders conduct is to be questioned
of the injustice & impropriety of such a proceeding I
should not like to make myself responsible. —

Sunday 10th April

Unpleasant weather most of this month
no appearance whatever of Spring vegetation
The Express Mail arrived from Prairie du Chien.
1. Letter from Hon Sec of War - open for affairs
1. Prairie du Chien from 2. Completion Treasury -
2. from H. Cullum Bellford
2. from Mrs. Lutterman

Learn Beaton Engineer & Co Paper.

Mr J R Brown a trader on Chippewa River
- part of Watershed
more

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say camp - people 30 in No
on a visit to the Agency - Their crops being
The Fox I held no talk with them -

June 26 RB = 20 lbs Pork 2 1/2 galn whiskey
however to this party -

The Chief & his party went to the Fox & from
upon them also received the same articles as from
me - additional & amply supplied. -

Say 100 - But Pork - 100. Flour. 96 of Whiskey -
difference 26 26 75
74 74 21

Tuesday 12th April

Several Indians at the Agency -
Nothing of importance transpired
Wrote to the Hon Sec of War
& to the 2^d Comdr J B Thornton Es-

Wednesday 13th

Indians from Lake Pepin - 16 RB 16 Pork
Manfred Macchastah & party. 16 RB - 16 Pork also
attempted to build a fence around my
garden - not rails sufficient -

Saw son of one 8 RB 8 RP - 10 Indians

Thursday 14th
Council this day.

Mancie amuzgah of Lake Pepin and party -
Relation to the Bones of the Old Red wing Chief
and other matters connected with the Band
Mancie wa chasah and party Relation to Agriculture
Removal to Lake Calhoun to the Town
of Eaton and other matters in reference
to the same their conduct &c

40 RB - 40 RB - 5 1/2 sales whis key -

Capt W R Louie - placed in arrest this
 day - by the County Officer —

is issued prohibiting Indians from entering
 Fort Snelling except on "Official Business
 with the County Officer" —

I obtained a copy accidentally in looking
 over an Order Book —

Sent to Lake Calhoun to see about
 the lumber for the Council House —

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Friday 15th April 1836

Had some ploughing done and may plant
Potatoes in a day or two weather permitting —
It often happens in this Latitude 45. N. that garden
seeds are not put in the ground until between the
1st and 10th of May — say two years out of three —
No inclining to clay which is a great relief —
Cape fails late order has brought about this
happy change — it is only to be regretted that such
an order had not always been in existence
much discord and some feeling might thereby
— avoided & the public service promoted —

Saturday 16th

Little Crow Chief and a few of his people
at the Agency this day —

Bad Hala and others of Perfection Band
Yield 30 RB. 30 RB. 1½ pails Whiskey

Nothing important in the way of news
this day — The Sioux have seen the
Chippeways on the St. Croix — This time
were hunting on the Lands of the
Sawee — contrary to my orders —
Their Traders push them on

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Mr Bushnell - a trader from Mr Kempfers house
beyond the St. Louis arrival - reports the Chippewas
to be perfectly quiet -

Permitted him to take 10 Gallons of Whiskey to Mr L.
for men hired to build his houses in the
Indian country for Trade - Mr L. & L present

Monday 18th

Very high wind from South West by West - and
disagreeably boisterous - rain - snow - sun shine
clouds - wind alternately. -

Ordered some Hoes & ploughs repaired for the
Eastern view agricultural establishment -

The traders are violently opposed to Indians
commencing to get a license in this way

Tuesday 19th

This day as yesterday remarkable for high
wind - very disagreeable from the quantity
of dust blown in every direction - no work
of any kind done -

Some four or five Indians at my house
this day - gave them a few plugs of Tobacco
& 12 Rations of Bread -

17th day since our Express left for -
Prairie du Chien - expected back on the
25th - Hired Derby to make 4000 Rails -

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Wednesday 20th

Weather rather more pleasant this day - but
Cool - very little appearance of vegetation -
Little Crow Chief & some few Indians at
my house this evening -
General Sells of Fish Spears & Hoes for Indians -
Bushnell left for Sth Croix
Thursday 21st

Snow - hail, and Rain nearly all this day -
Weather unpleasant for some days past -
Garden Seeds - none planted at this date. -
No news of a Steam Boat as yet. Nor of our
Express which left on the 3rd Inst. - for Prairie du Chien.

Friday 22nd April.

Some Snow this morning - River on the Rise &
now again in good stage for Steam Boating. -
The Red Leay, and Charleska - on barges at the Quay.
no news of importance from any section -

Saturday 23rd

Penetion - Chief of the 7 mile Village } and party
of
Patahuhah - Chief of the 25 mile Village } do do
Held a Talk with these people relative to their affairs
1st Continuation of peace with the Chippeways -
2nd as to their Treaty with the Sac & Fox tribes -
3rd The formation of Agricultural Societies -
4th as to placing an agent at the Des Moines and
on the Mississippi
all these things - 30

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news = many - shale Interpreters =
The Bad Hales Report to S Campbell -

1st Version - The Lower Band of Liond (Wabishas) have been induced by Councils received from the Peace (P.R.) to object to the interference of the Government in their wars with other tribes also. to refuse to receive their annuities under the Treaty of 1830 - & to request the Government to abrogate said Treaty & to threaten & even to proceed to hostilities if they did not come into the measure.

2^d Version - A letter was sent from this Port by (A B) to (A F) by an Indian on the 15th of March to tell the Wahpucootas not to come to this Port that the Agent would take the Chiefs below for burning the Council House - & that the men of said band must defend their Chiefs and if they became agreeable to attack this Port - The Indian giving the foregoing information states - that he was asked if he was coming from Cannon River to this place - he replied yes - that he was not afraid that when he reached Fort Snelling if he found things as stated that he would join the Strongest Side -

I sent for the Bad Hales this evening to have a private interview with him - to the end that his story may be recorded by myself - he will be at my house on tomorrow if fair -

Monday 25th April

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The Bad Hail a Horse breed - his Report -

My Father I was at the Trading house some short
time ago - ^{on Cannon River} while there - Alexander Fairbault -
Received a letter by an Indian from Mr Bailey
which Fairbault opened and read to the Indians

My Father

Fairbault read from the paper in his hands
that Mr Bailey said that he must tell them
that the Americans would soon commence war
with the Medawakantons and that the white
people would commence first at this Post -

My Father

This news even got among the women &
I never saw anything like how they acted
the Washpawotons when they heard the news
talked a great deal, and I must tell you
the truth - They talked very bad

My Father I told the Indians in the plains that
I did not believe the report, and that I would
come in to my village, & then to your house
to know the truth and if I lived, to let
them hear from me soon - I have satisfied
my mind, and shall send one of my nephews
tomorrow to let them know the news. -

I sent a message to the Indians on Cannon
River myself - that it was a trick of these Traders
not until their
paid. -

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from Red wings
g- he saw our
Express Boat above the Lake returning from
Prairie du Chien - There were Seven persons on
boat - High Council detain them -

Tuesday 26th April 1831

Scot Walker & party with the Express Mail -
at length reached us this day.

A Mr. Howard from New York arrived in
the Express Boat - engaged in the Am. F. Coy. Service
75 = Two letters - from Supt. office - Copy of one Dec. 1829

- 1. from Hon John Taliaferro
- 1. from Miss M. L. Taliaferro
- 1. from Z. Audy - A/c. Balanced in my favour
- 1. N. P. Feltman and Exr. Harrisburg Dep. balanced.
- 1. Genl Jos. M. Street Indian Agent at Prairie du Chien

Showed the Statement of the Bad Hair to Mr.
Bailey this day in presence of Mr. Mines.

The Black Dog Chief - his son & other
Indians at the Agency

Puction Chief 7 mile Village off

Red River - Early yellow - Blue, and Ladies finger
Potatoes planted -

Asparagus. planted - rather transplanted -

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Wednesday 27th April 1831

Little Cow Chief at the Agency

Spoke in Council to him and the
following Chiefs & head men as to what
they wanted whether Goods or money for
their Annuities for 1831—

1 Little Cow & head men - Show in goods - <u>fur</u> <u>feed</u>	
2 Black bog & head men	do do —
3 Penetion & head men	do do —
4 Patatahak & head men	do do —
5 Nosomouch & head men	do do —
6 Etahkenbik & head men	do do —
7 & 8. Tapsauga & Wahmadesapah	do do —
of the Wahpacootes	\$1500
Wahbishes, & Bannu Creek	500
	<u>\$2,000</u>

Planted - Lettuce - Cabbage - Beet - Onion and
Radish - Tomatoes & Pepper Seed -
Potatoes yesterday —

Thursday 28th April 1831—

Nothing of importance transpired during
all this day - but few Indians—

Jacob Saustham returned from the St. Louis

The Chipewyags remain quiet—

— 24 NB 24 NB wind—

Friday 29th Apr.

But little news all this day—

Mr Brown - arrived from the mouth
of the Chipewyag River - his trade being
closed for the winter. — weather fine.—

Saturday 30th

very pleasant weather all this day—

Wags. 3 doz making for the Indians—

Little Crow Chief - & his people at the Agency
this day - He called to inform me that most
of his people had left him & had gone to
the Pine turn 25 miles below on the Mississippi
to establish their village - complained of
this but hoped I would not neglect him
in consequence so do—

Part of Weabeshas Band of Lower Sioux
reach the Agency this day - Stated
that they had been sent to learn the
news at this Post - & to take my words
back to their people —

Sunday 3rd May

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I went to Lake Calhoun - Eatonville
The Agricultural establishment from near
the Medawakanton, and other Sioux - took
with me Axes - axes &c for the Indians - I found
most of them at work - cutting down trees -
grubbing out the roots &c - what was more
encouraging - Some few of the men were at
this unusual kind of labour for them - They
laughed when they saw me - I praised them
in every agreeable way that could be conveyed
to them in their language. —

Monday 2nd May -

The Detachment from Wabeshas band called
to take leave. —

Estatmuzzah, and several of the Principle men
of the Lake Pepin band of Sioux on
a visit this day - Concluded with them

Nascampah - Panchetah, and the Bad Hair
were at the Agency. —

Two small detachments of the Chippeways -
arrived from Sandy Lake, & Rum Rivers -

The Hole in the Day - without much ceremony
delivered himself up to me this day - He said
My Father -

I have done a bad thing - I am a brave
man - here is my lock - Take it and do with

years I trusted
of my people and
allons fell. —

as you see me
 I not even bring my skin for my Trade
 If I am to die - let me die like a man
 let no one say I played the part of a woman
 My Father

You know what I have suffered - The
 Pillagers were the cause of my killing a Sioux
 Boy last fall on Crow River - They called me
 a woman and said that I was afraid - I
 could not stand this - & you know what I did -
 However I am prepared to meet my fate and
 as become a man -

Reply of the Agents

Hole in the Day -

I have listened attentively to all you
 have said and feel for your situation -
 I know that you have been wounded yourself
 your ~~daughter~~ shot before your face - by the Sioux
 you lost your Father here and your wife &
 uncle, and two cousins -

You have long behaved well, & have done
 but one bad act - in 10 years - you throw five
 yourself up to me and have acted alike
 with bravery & with good sense -

I will let you return to your family - &
 if the Sioux will commence to do justice
 to your nation first - I will then expect

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you to do justice to them—

They (the Sioux) owe a large Credit to you - if they will pay it - you can then pay yours - but I hope that all will yet go well and that no more blood will be necessary. —

"I look forward with pleasure to the time when we shall have both tribes assembled once more at this place & settle forever all animosities - & at the same time give you an Agent in your own Country - I am one for the hour as Lac Howard & D.D.

Tuesday B.C.

Mr Howard left this morning with the Express Mail for Prairie du Chien —

2. Official letters forwarded to Sec of War

2. do do to Genl Cook Capt

1. do do to Genl Stuart. In Agent

1. Letter to my niece in Virginia —

1. do to St Leimon Egypt Bedford —

The Wind Chief

But Heart } Chippeway Chiefs & 20 men
 } arrived from Rum River

The Kalle brings numbers to this Post —

I learn that The Flat mouth Chief and others of the Pelagers of Lake Lake with 250 men intended to visit this Post.

The frequent
on them - The Chief
burning. —

May-
~~April~~ 1831

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Sub Agent for the

Indians at Lake Calhoun engaged in agreement
then then — at 50 cents each — \$5.00

4: axes - of my own repair, and presented
to said establishment. —

Bad Nail, and 14 principle men from all the
Villages to see me this day relation to the
general conduct of my Interpreter —

I made many enquiries of their people as to
the ~~men~~ Mr. Campbell put the provisions &c to
which orders were given by me for the same in
their favour — The uniform answer was that
as far as they knew — they lost nothing by
the provisions passing through his hands

2. Question - Are you satisfied with Mr. Campbell
as an Interpreter and do you believe that
he repeats. Truly all that you say or that
I say, and no more. —

Ans. My Father —

We see no reason why we should
be dissatisfied with him and as you say we
do believe that he repeats to us all you say
and all we wish you to know from us
and no more —

The Bad Nail Com & Said —

My Father The Bottle of Whiskey which
my friend (Capt Smith) sent to me by

matan - I received it as my friend Tomah
here knows - for I was invited to a Medicine
feast - and not being able to eat all that
was placed before me - I had to pay - and I
gave the bottle to my friend Tomah - who
took the balance in my dish. —

Thursday 5th

Old Tata, Muncie - & his wife called to see me this day
This old Chief in English - named - Walking Wince
is 70 or 72 years old — sent for rails —

Raymond employed to purchase 50 barres of coal for
Smiths Shop at the Agency — 50 bls. at 25^{cts}

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ 25 \text{ } 0 \\ 100 \\ \hline \$12.50 \end{array}$$

The Chipewags of Reem River - Sandy Lake
, and St. Croix left for their Camps & homes

Friday 6th

I hired one Team - 2 yoke oxen at \$15. for me
do one man at 15 do
for the use of the Indians at Lake Calhoun
for May & June — 1831 —

drew one Barrel of Pork and one Bl.
of flour for the use of the Indians.
I hired persons for their benefit —

one Indian families went to the
my. —

Chief & Black Dog at my house

Tuesday 7th May

of Potatoes of Capt Gale for the Indians
at Eatonville - Agricultural Establishment - \$5=
Ploughs sent out to the Lake also - Mr Prescott in
Charge - I hire him to Superintend at \$10
per month -

Indians seen drunk this day - Tomah received a few
Bottles of Whiskey for a Pipe & Stem - given to Mr Larchmont

The Ratter - received Whiskey - provisions &c - for two Pipes
&c from Capt Gale

A French man and two half breed Chippewas reached
this Port - from River near Mille Lac - They brought
Sugar - Mats and various kinds of Indian work -
I procured 3 Mats -

Sunday 8th May

Steam Boat - VOLANT arrived this morning early
at this Port - from St Louis -

- 2 Letters Office from J. C. Clark
- 1 from Thos. L. McKenney
- 2 from my Bedford friends -
- Capt Culbertson - Maj. Bliss - Riley - Capt. Martin
- Loomis - Smith 1st - Smith 6th - Bateman - Audens
- Capt Backer - Maj. Garland -

On a fine Coast Martine

Indians in from the Lake to see me before
my departure for Louis for their Annuitie

I left this morn for St Louis - 73
passed Little Crow Village above the village as
the lower of Lake Pepin - at the foot of the Lake
at Sun River - 105 miles

Monday 9th

Passed Wabasha Village or encampment
at 10th o'clock on the River 45 miles below Lake
Pepin - I saw 100 Indians - who appeared to
be engaged in a war dance around a large

Flags flying drums beating & c. c. c.
Every appearance indicated the intended
departure of a war party - perhaps against
the Chippewas - at the foot 8 o'clock P.M.
Arrived Prairie du Chien.

Tuesday 10th

Reached the Fox Valley Leeburgers mine
where Lieut Babitt joined us from his station there
having been released by Lt Warfield - reached the
Fox River mine at night - 8 o'clock -

Wednesday 11th

at 9 o'clock this morning departure from the
mine - our Boat received 75 tons of Lead
to be transported to St Louis -

Worked half the day - fearing for the safety

of the boat in company

and thunder &c

Rain fell on land - stopped for the night

Thursday 12th

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... until the 26th of this
month I was absent on business at Louis-
which place I left on the 17th & reached here
on the 26th —

Loomis & Chappin met me on landing
Col Morgan talked to both of them at my
house this day —

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The Steam Boat Colant departed again
for Louis — wrote to Geo Clark &
to Geo Cairns —

Col Morgan	Capt Loomis	Mr Morris
Maj Bliss	Capt Mason	Miss Sprague
Maj Riley	Capt Barker	Mr Gale
Capt T Smith	Capt H Smith	Miss Bailey
Levi Bateman	Levi Andrews	

Captain Gale and Lady - passengers

Saw Mr Prescott this day from Lake
Calhoun. conversed with him relative
to the Indians there & their prospects
in agriculture —

Mr Sloan —	Mr Langham
Mr Garland	Capt Culbertson
Mr —	Mr Lewis —
Mr Henderson	Mr Lewis —

Saturday - 28th - 1831 -

Messagers received this day from the Chiefs to know
When it would be in my power to see them -

I stated in answer -

I will see all the Indians as soon as the
Council House could be placed in a situation
to receive them - which would be some days
perhaps weeks first - as another had to be put
up - no place to store the public property in
safety - much remains out of doors -

Sunday 29th - May -

The Chiefs came called to see me previous
- to returning to their villages

Gave some Powder - Lead & Tobacco to
several Sioux head men this day -

6 lbs Powder - 12 lbs Lead 10 lbs Tobacco -

Monday 30th

5 Canoes of Black - with Chipewyag Indians
from Rum River arrived at this -

30 persons - These people Trade here -
altogether - Rode to Lake Calhoun

Little Crow Chief called to see me with
several of his people - his business -
related particularly to the manner as
well as when & where the Annuities
for 1831 - were to be paid -

Tuesday 31st of May 1831

Some thirty or forty young men at the Agency this day —

Tatah mameh or the walking blind also —
this old chief is 75 years or upwards old

Two young men from Weabshas Village —
they belong to this neighbourhood

Wednesday June 1st 1831

Chieftains of the Wahpeton Band
of four in part at the Agency

So Mopomone & part 36 men of the
Wahpeton Band of Sioux at the

Red Eagle — also from Little Rapids —

He wished to leave a British medal
now & would bring his Flag in a few
days — I gave him no answer —

Little Crow Chief also at the Agency

The Chippeways report that for Capt.
& Mr Schoolcraft with 400 Chippeways are
to be at this Post in all June —
I have not been notified of the object of
their visit — In case they may have been
authorized to converse the Sioux & Chippeways
for Peace purposes — I have no instructions
from the War Dept —

Thursday June 2^d - 1831

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Considerable rain for the last two or three days - The Mississippi may be expected to rise again.

(Circular)

Sir/

Unless the Traders will write ~~me~~ and
expressly ~~pleas~~ themselves not to give or
sell whiskey to the Indians at this Post - Their
Licenses will not be renewed for the Entry
of the River & Ports - and the Location ^{be} aboli-
shed as I have been authorized to do, if ^{deemed} necessary
rescuing for the interest of the Public Service

I am yr. Most Obed^t Serv^t

Alex Cullenham

San Paliopero

A Bailey & Co

From above

At St Paul

Various bands of the Sioux and
of the Chippeways at the Agency
this day - The Tribes generally will
be here on the 15th of this month
to receive their Annuities.

Heavy rain my garden entirely
destroyed - 1 foot under water -
River Rose 3 feet low night

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Day June 3^d 1831

Indians at the Agency this day -
Severe hunger experienced by them at
this time - The extreme high water has
deprived the women of the Marsh Potat-
oe on which to subsist their families at
this season - & their Corn crops are also
under water -

The Indians really appear helpless & beg hard
& incessantly for food - Considerable indis-
cance however is attached to all their mo-
vements - & many deserve to suffer -

Saturday 4th

A large number of old Indians and
Children Boys just to at the Agency
Provisions all the day -

Chippeways - a number of these people also
at the Agency - Some have been here
for nearly 30 days - fishing & living
better & more independently than
the Sioux -

Recomoko & others at my house -

Penetion - Chief - his principal man
called to say that his Chipp wife
was dying - I expect her death
in a day or two at most -

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Sunday 5th June 1831

Bought 4 Bbls of Pork & one Bbl. of Flour at Auction for Indians - it was obtaining for this purpose on acc of its low sale - & consequent saving to the dept. —

Mr Fairbank recd. one B. of Mr Mear \$ 7.50. Cost
Trading Boat from Havana arrived
annce this evening - Miss & Sisters 8 feet above
low water mark —

Monday 6th

Cool, & unpleasant this morning —
Mascapaumuck - on the walking cloud of the
Band of 5 Lodges of Sioux reached the Agency
this day with a few men. —

30 Men & 8 women arrived from Prairie du Sac
a portion of Leachishas Band arrived here this
evening — Spent 38 Rais Pork 38 of flour —
Talk on tomorrow

Tuesday 7th

Council with Part of Leachishas Band
They called to receive their portion of
the annuities for 1831 - 30 - 8

Waza Coota - and a few of Red wings
 Bunch at the Agency - spent in all this
day 45 Rats Pork 45 of Flour. -

Little Crow at the Agency -
 I heard that Panctions wife and
 this day were on other women at
 Black Legs Village -

Wednesday 8th June 1831—

Rode to Lake Cathoon on a visit to the
Agricultural establishment formed there
for the Mdawakanton Sioux - found
all well & engaged at work - having
their corn & potatoes - many families
have smaller seed planted - such
as Mellons &c —

One Ther Betes his enemies & others of
Wabashos Band at the Agency called
to shake hands & depart —

My Express returned from calling the
Sioux Bands together for distribution
of Annuities on the 15th Inst - \$20
paid him —

Nasimphah at the Agency again
this day - also many other Indians
from different Bands —

I learnt this day that some 80 or 90
Supts were preparing for war
against the Chippewas

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May 9th June 1831

Moose - from Lac au Taverse a Trader
Joseph ^{L. J.} Riviere of Lac qui parle arrived this
day in a hard rain

Safronbois - from River Des Moines

Wm Brown from Devils Lake

Erelakkenbah, and 48 of his people
arrived this evening from Rupert's
Village

Chippeways - 30 men & women from
Rum River & River Lo also
arrived this Post

I am by these people informed for the
first time - that Gov. Cass, and Mr Schoolcraft
were expected at Sandy Lake to hold
a Council with the Chippeways of the
Mississippi - Some few have come from
Rum Snake & the S. Croix Rivers
to meet them - The Chippeways & Sioux
of the North West were preparing
for war - a party of the former had been
defeated the past winter near Red River
& lost 46 men and two women killed
The Sioux 7 men killed

Friday 10th June 1831

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Annuities Paid to Esclahkembah - Supton
and his Band on this day

Presents to Old Menomone & his people

Marepuah married & his people 5 dogs

Old Cloud - a Chippeway Chief & a number
of Chippeways arrived this day -

350 Indians at the Agency house and
Chippeways this day

Spence 100 ~~lbs~~ Pork 196 lbs Flour -

20 Bats of Bread given to the Washpeten
Savon of Lac qui parle

The Indians of Lac qui parle held a council & condemned to
shoot one of their people for shooting a Chippeway during
their hunt last winter on the Mississippi -

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Saturday 11th June 1831

120 Loose more at the Agency this day

Little Crow & his people —

Wahmadelunkah & his —

Perriton called to inform me of the death
of his wife — who departed on the 9th
Inst — she was a Wakpacoota, and
a good woman —

The Sacqueharry Indians not off yet
1½ pair of 3/4th Moc Moc Blankets —
given to them. —

June 250 Rats of Pork 280 lbs of Flour

2 Gallons of Whiskey issued to men
at work on the Agency Council —
House —

The Body or logs put on the basement story
House ready for the rafters. —

Sunday June 12th 1831—

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Patah a kah — 50 men 35 women 15 Children

Penetum ————— 24 men 15 women 8 Children

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50

23

74

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147 souls — at the Agency —

Mosomon Chief —

Wah made tunkah —

Patah a kah —

Wahpeton and

Medawakentaw

Wahmade tunkah. Said

My Father you have done us great
Charity. What our Father & you told us at
the Treaty has come to pass — it is true and
we are pleased —

I now learn your opinions as to whiskey
our great Father is against his Children —
selling any. he is right — but if we have
become fond of this Fire it is the fault of
our Traders & the first white people who
come up here among us — we used to get one or
two Kegs of a year — but of late years even our
young men have it so plenty that they have
quite fond of it — another thing the Traders
year a Keg to the best hunters or
will bring them the most furs
in the hunter generally and

cause difficulty—
 that you must ^{prevent} your children from
 whiskey at the Fort. also not to
 traders bring one drop into the
 entry, and you will do what is right.—

My Father—No man can say a word against
 your decision if you object to giving
 us whiskey. I am sure it is for our good
 we all know this and we regret that
 this false strong water ever found
 its way among us—

My Father
 We are pleased at your Councils
 this day. we know what you say
 is all for our good therefore my
 ears are open to receive your words—
 we can return home, & rest contented
 we have a sufficiency to last us
on our hunts for some time—

The Indians from the Batterie are Fever
 Little Rapids arrived late this evening
 30 in number—

Men women & children this day—

— 177: — Pork lbs flour lbs
 177 — 177 —

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Monday. 13th. June

Moosemonee's Band of Washpeton Sioux
reached the Agency —

47. men 24 women 10 children —

47	Pounds P. for Flour
10	
— 81. Souls —	Yield 80 — 80 —

Naudin — } Chipshaw head men from
Kau Kau Ka }
Rum River reach my house this day

30 men 15 women 8 children —

30	
8	
— 53 Souls — of the Chipshaws —	

Yield 45 Bats of flour 45 Bats of Pork

250 Sioux —

53 Chipshaws

Total 303 —

Marcusah Muzzah - from Lake Pepin
with a part of the Band from
that place arrived this day

No particular news from Washpeton
people. Whether ^{they} will receive their
annuities or not \$600. remain
in my hands for the former Band
Sioux —

has used his influence to
prevent this chief from coming
up here & caused him to demand
all the annuities

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Tuesday 14th June 1831

Cloud of Lush Lake

— } Rum River - called to say
Kau Kau }
a few words to the Agent at St Peter's -
The Cloud said

My Father

A little Englishman by the name
of Arthur claims all our lands - he says it
is his and that my people have no right
to it - I wish to know by what authority
he claims our lands - my Father answers
me plainly - I wish to hear from your
mouth the truth. —

My Father

I am now tired of being lost
I have not known what to do or when
to look for assistance for 3 years past
You see I have remained at my village
I have not seen you for 3 years -
I can wait no longer we must have
you for our Father at once and
let our minds be easy —

12 lbs Powder 25 lbs Lead 25 lbs Tobacco

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Wednesday 15th June 1831-

Tah saugah } Wahpacoota house
Grey Buck - } with 70 men & 40 women
Keeigah - } $\frac{40}{110}$ souls.

Arrived at the Agency this day

Spent 100 Rats Pork 110 Rat flour

Heard that

~~in order to~~
go to war from this neighborhood
against the Chippewys & Chip Rivers -
sent word to him that he should
be shot if he attempted to gather
any of the young men for that purpose

Thursday 16th June

~ Tah saugah } Their chiefs and the warriors
~ Ahp pak Hotah } of their Bands 70 in No-
Skash Skah nah } of the Wahpacoota house
Kee yah ~ ~ } Received their Annuities

This day these people received their
Annuities - The spoke in several terms of
reprehension of Wabishas preposterous claim
to all the annuities under the Treaty -

Since the Wahpakoota Chief -

is living on our lands for 100 years
& cooing half our people in defending
it - a man sets up a claim who never placed
his lodge on our lands until 1826 - when
his trader built a house at the Forks of Red Cedar

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, stained paper with a large tear on the left side.]