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" " — 3 - Medawakantons
1831 — 2 Wahpaakotas
1833 — 7 Medawakantons
1834 1 Sufeters
72 " 66
66 "
138 = Sioux Killed by St Josas
1831 28 - Menomons at Fort Crawford
166 in all

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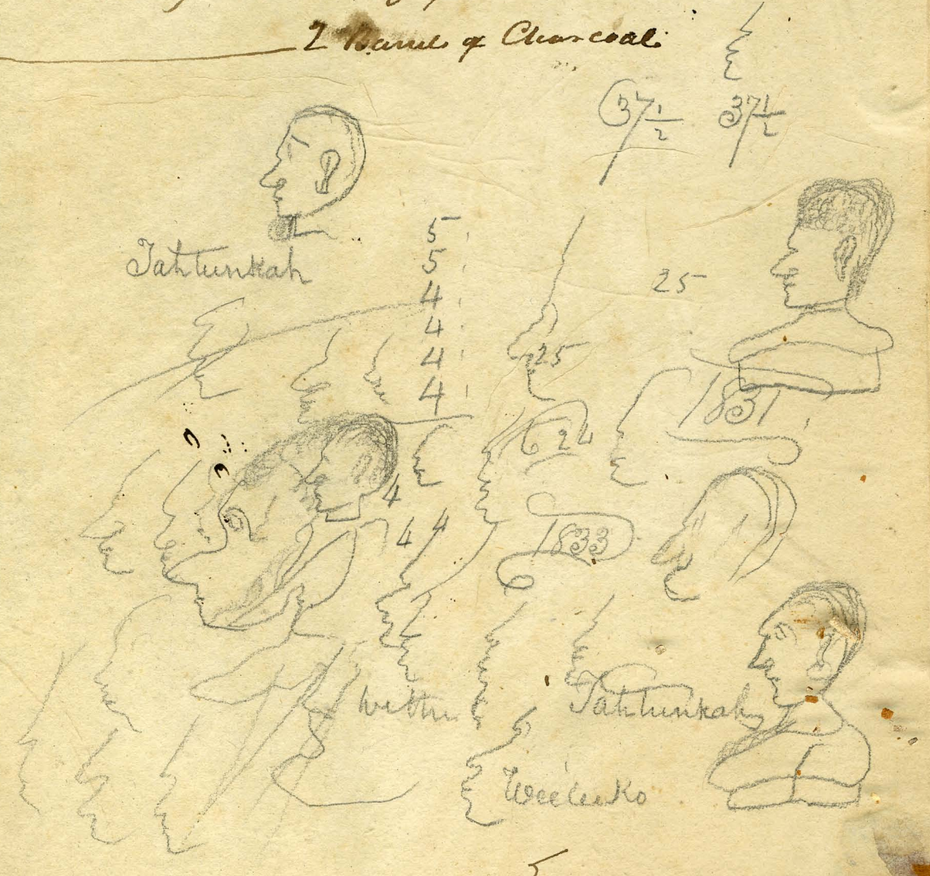
1835 Sept 10 & 24 —
by { Lieut Mr Sibley — 1.50 Keg of Powder
D Campbell Jr — 2 Barrels of Charcoal



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Requisition for Provisions for the Sioux & Chippeway Indi of my Agency attending the Treaty at Prairie des Chiens for one day August 18th 1825 —

To whom Issued	No. of Persons	No. of Days	No. pounds Beef	No. pounds Flour	No. Pints Corn	No. Pints Salt	1. Wahpeton Ass. by Death —
Sioux	354	1	708	354	177	7	
Chippeways	26	1	52	26	13	½	
Other Persons	5	1	10	5	5	"	
Total	385	1	770	385	195	7½	

The Commissary will issue agreeably to the above return

Prairie des Chiens
August 17th 1825

Lawr. Taliaferro
Indn Agent
For Upper Mississippi

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1830

List of Public property destroyed by fire on the night of the 14th of August 1830 —

One Agency Council House —	$1350
2 Sets of Harness —	25
1 Ten plate Stove, and pipe	35
Two. doz files assorted —	3
35. pounds of Cast Iron —	7.50
1. plough. —	18.00
4 Kegs of Powder	32.00
	$1412.50

Public Corp made Good by the Agent except the House

Saltcoms $255 Lost on hand Retain by U States, $135 Lost

I certify on honor that the foregoing St... of loses sustained by the Indians depred... at St Peters on the night of the 14th of ... 1830. is just & true as stated, and that ... Council House was set on fire to by an ... cause unknown. — Culprit confined in ...

Lan Taliaferro
Indian Agt
at St Peters

Nov 1st 1830

The foregoing Statement — 1/2 page 2
is correct as herein represented 3 Octh ...

Lost Appendages of Private property by fire

4 Beds & feather —	$80.00
2 pairs White Blankets	68.00
2 — Bed Steads —	22.50
Bureau —	20.00
Books Case & Books	256.00
1. Ten plate Stove & p	42.00
2 Sets of Harness.	32.00
New Ten Plate Stoves & dishes	21.50
2 ploughs —	24.00
6 Chairs.	13 50
2 Tables —	24.00
	563.50

Private Loss of Capt Campbell & Officers

Card... Furn 35
Case 1 Brace Bits. 50 —
Wash Stand 4
2 Looking glasses 9.75
4 Cut Decanters 18.00
1 Doz Cut Tumblers 6.00
1 Doz Cut Wines 6.00
Museums &c — 500.00
628.75
563.50
$1192.27

Private Loss of Lan Taliaferro

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[Nov 1, 1830]

A List of property attached to the Agency at St Peters under Lawrence Taliaferro Esq U S Ind Agent as procured and furnished by him Since 27th March 1819 —

	Description of Property	No of	Cost		Present Value		Accounted for
	Sub Agents Houses —	1	75	00	1480	00	Private
+	Council Houses —	1	255	00	1350	00	Lost by fire
	Armourers Shops —	1	150	00	150	00	fell in
	Carts Horse —	1	50	00	50	00	Delivered
+	Harness Sets of	2	—	—	—	—	lost by fire
+	Ten plate Stoves & pipe	1					lost by fire
	Iron ploughs	2	1 lost	fire	14 augt	—	1 delivered
	Plough Sets of	2	1 lost by fire		do	—	1 delivered
	Sets of —	2	Indian Office				2 do
	Laws & Treaties	1	"	"	"	"	furnished
	Forge —	1					Shop
	—	1					do
	Sledge —	1	"	"	"	"	do
	Bench —	1					do
	Hand —	1	"	"	"	"	do
	Screw . . .	2	Hand & Smiths		—		do
	Assorted . . .	24	12.	lost by fire	augst 14th		
	Steel —	25	Imported by fire 14th Augt				
	Round Iron No of Rods	3	damaged by fire				
	Bar flat No of lbs —	148	80 lbs Iron damaged by fire				
	Crow Bars No of —	0	reported not furnished —				
×	2 Sheets Iron 35 lbs —	2	completely lost 14th Augt		lost by fire		
	Stove & Camp	—	50	00	Interpreters lost		
	W C Cole Hats	—	30		Carried off by high		
	The Ward house } Private	1	0		Water —		1824 —
	" Cole do }	1	0				

Expence to U States

Home from W C Camp for Interpreter	$50.00
3 log huts for W C Cole Visiting Indians	30.00
Rebuilding Council house in part Mason &c	312.00
U.S. Repairs on Old Council house for Office	75.00
Expended by Ind Dept in all $467.00	$467.00

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Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

Nov 1st 1830

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4 Beds feather —	$80.00	Card. Jam	35 —
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2 — Bed Steads —	22.50	Wash Stand	4
Bureau —	20.00	2 Looking glasses	9.75
Boots Case & Boots	256.00	4 Cut Decanters	18.00
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2 Sets of Harness	32.00	1 Doz Cut Wines	6.00
New Tin Tea plates & dishes	21.50	Museums &c —	500.00
2 ploughs —	24.00		628.75
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	Fire dogs Sets of —	2	Indian Office				2 do
	Indian Laws & Treaties	1	"	"	"	"	furnished
	Bellast - Forge —	1					Shop
	Anvils —	1					do
	Hammers - Sledge -	1	"	"	"	"	do
	Vices - Bench —	1					do
	Hammers - Hand -	1	"	"	"	"	do
	Plates Screw . . .	2	Hand & Smiths		—		do
	Files assorted . . .	24	12. lost by fire August 14th				
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Annual Returns of all property in charge of the Agency at St Peters for the Year ending Sept 30 1828. designating Private and public with remarks.—

Private	Public	Cost Dolls	Remarks
1	"	255	Erected by the Agent for a Council house — Expenses charged to U States 1827 Sept 30
2	"	75	Transfered by purchase & Conveyance May 2 1826 by Nathan Clarke & Henry H Corley
"	1		Assigned to the use of the Agents by the Dr in for repairs alone. —

I do hereby ce… true and that I h… Returns by the Ind…

…ing Returns is just & …ect to the best of my knowledge with permanent Fort St Peters Indian Agency &c

A Discriptive list of all fur… Louis Provincaux who has this day Received a Licence to … Trade on the St Peters —

No.	Names —	Size		Eyes	Hair	Complexion				Amount of Licences Dolls	cts	Capital employed —
1	Anthony Couture	5	9	Blue	Brown	Brown	Boatman	Canada	32	500	—	
2	Peter Barbeau	5	11	Grey	Brown	light	do	do	35	500	—	
3	Francis Bobeau	5	4	Grey	Black	Brown	do	do	28	500	—	$2.000=
4	Jos Ballard	5	6	Grey	Brown	Brown	do	do	34	500	—	
5	Amable Moleau	5	10	Blue	Black	Ligur	do	do	26	500	—	
6	Gonzia Moleau	5	10	Brown	Brown	Brown	do	do	28	500	—	

Oct 6th 1827 —

Louis Provencalle

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	"	1		Assigned to the use of the Agent by the Post Genl — occupancy for repairs alone.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Returns is just & true and that I have not been furnished with Warrants by the Indian Department —

(Signed) Law Salaberry
Indn Agent &c

A Discription list of all foreigners in the employ of Louis Provincalle who has this day Received a Licence to trade at Traverse des Sioux on the St Peters —

No.	Names —	Size		Eyes	Hair	Complexion	Occupation	Kingdom or Country where Born	Age	Amt Bonds Dolls	cts	Capital employed —
1	Anthony Couture	5	9	Blue	Brown	Brown	Boatman	Canada	32	500	—	
2	Peter Barbeau	5	11	Grey	Brown	light	do	do	35	500	—	
3	Francis Bobeau	5	4	Grey	Black	Brown	do	do	28	500	—	$2.000=
4	Jos Ballard	5	6	Grey	Brown	Brown	do	do	34	500	—	
5	Amable Moleau	5	10	Blue	Black	light	do	do	26	500	—	
6	Gonzia Moleau	5	10	Brown	Brown	Brown	do	do	28	500	—	

Oct 6th 1827 —

Louis Provencalle

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Descriptive List of all Foreigners in the employ of Joseph Laframbois who has this day obtained a License to Trade at Lac qui Parle — on the St Peters —

No.	Names	Size Feet	Size In	Eyes	Hair	Complexion	Occupation	When Born	Age	Amt Bond $	Amt Bond cts	
1	Francis Gamelin	5	9	Grey	light	light	Boatman	Canada		500		
2	Jean B^t Gozelin	5	1/2	Grey	light	light	do	do		500		
3	Bazil Longtains	6	2	Grey	light	Light	do	do		500	—	killed by Yankton Sioux
4	Francois Chevalier	5	6	dark	Black	dark	do	do		500		
5	Jacques Lafelore	5	10	Grey -	dark	light	do	do		500		

Oct 6th 1827 —
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Wm Laframbois

Febry 1829. B Longtaine Killed by the Sesseton Indians

Descriptive List of all Foreigners in the employ of Alexander Faribault who has this day Received a License to Trade at Trade at Traverse des Sioux —

No.	Names —	Size Feet	Size In	Eyes	Hair	Complexion	Occupation	When Born	Age	Amt Bond. $	Amt Bond. cts
1	Joseph Benoist	6	"	Hazel	Black	Brown	Boatman	Canada	33	500	—
2	Jos Gremaux	5	4	Hazel	Light	Light	do	do	27	500	—
3	Philip Bolonzieau	5	"	dark	Black	Brown	do	do	22	500	—
4	Peter Pelon —	5	7 1/2	dark	Black	dark	Interpreter	do —	28 —	500	—

Oct 11th 1827 —

Alex Faribault

Discription List of all Foreigners in the employ of Alexis Bailly Who has this day Received a License to Trade at the Entry of the River St Peters - near Fort Snelling —

No.	Names —	Size Feet	Size In.	Eyes	Hair	Complexion	Occupation	When Born	Age	Amt Bond	
1	Charles Mesplier	5	6	Grey	Red	Fair	Boatman	Canada	21	500	-
2	Baptiste Roy	5	7	Blue	Brown	do	do	do	38	500	-
3	Amable Negron	5	9	yellow	Brown	do	do	do	20	500	-
4	Xavier Champagne	5	8	Brown	Black	do	do	do	20	500	-
5	Louis Lamarante	5	10	Grey	Brown	dark	do	do	18	500	-
6	Jacque Belange	5	6	Black	Black	do	do	do	19	500	-
7	Vetal Velenche	5	7	Grey	Brown	do	do	do	21	500	-
8	Antoine Robedeau	5	6	Grey	Black	do	do	do	45	500	-
9	Jos Robinson	5	5	Black	Black	do	do	do	18	500	-
10	Nicholas Beland	5	4	Grey	Brown	do	do	do	44	500	-

Nov. 19th 1827 —

— Add —
I B. Faribault — Clerk
Jos Lafrombois — do
Hanna Onge — Interpreter

Alexis Bailly —

A list of all persons employd at the Indian Agency at St Peters - between the 1st day of September 1827 and the 1st day of September 1828 —

Names of the Persons	Nature of the Services	Where employd	Pay per day Month or Year	State or Country where Born	Amt. Dolls	Amt. Cts	Remarks
Law Taliaferro	Indian Agent	St Peters	$1300 per. ann	Virginia	1300	"	
Elias T Langham	Sub Agent —	do	$500 per. ann	Virginia	500	"	
Scott Campbell -	Interpreter	do	$35 per. Month	N.W. Territory	420	"	
Thom. J. Potter	Armourer	do	$30 per. Month	New York	360	"	
John Peirson	Labourer	do	$16 per. Month	Pennsylvania	192	"	
				Total Amt. $	2772	"	

Sept 5th 1827
Indn Agency

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Law Taliaferro
Indn agent
at St Peters
Upper Mississippi

A list of all persons employed at the Indian Agency at St Peters between the 1st day of September 1828 & the 1st day of Sept 1829 –

Names of the Person	Nature of the Services	When employed	Pay pr. Month or Year	State or Country where Born	When residing when appointed	Amt Dols	Amt Cts
Saw Tahafino	In agent	St Peters	$1300 pr. Am	Virginia	N. S. Army –	1300	–
E T Langham	Sub agent	do	$500 pr. Am	Virginia	Missouri	500	–
Scott Campbell	Interpreter	do	$35 pr. Mo	W. W. Territory	Rau du Chens	420	–
Oliver Crater	Armourer	do	$30 pr. Mo	Canada	Rau du Chens	360	–
Fred Alexander	Labourer or Assistant	do	$16 pr. Mo	Maryland	St Peters	192	–
					Total pr. Am $	2772	

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To all whom it may concern.—

Be it Known that Alexander Culbertson of the U States having applied for a pasport for himself and one other for Patrick Quin a Subject of His Britanic Majesty to travel in the Indian Country on the River St Peters and the Mississippi. By Special powers in me vested by the Laws & instructions of the President of the U States Pasports are hereby granted & I do hereby grant permission to the Said Alexander Culbertson and P. Quin to travel in the Indian country for Ten days they conforming in all respects to the rules & regulations governing intercourse with the Indian tribes through which they may pass.—

Given at the Agency at St Peters and under the seal of this office this 21st day of May 1830 & of the Independence of the U States the fifty fourth.—

Lawr Taliafero
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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Indian Agency St Peters — June 25th 1831

The Several Sioux bands on the Mississippi and the River St Peters are leaving their Villages at this Season to hunt for the support of their families until their corn becomes eatible which will be the case in 30 days or by the 25 of July.

The Several Bands near this Post — Say — Petit Corbeaus Wahmadetunkahs — Penetions — Patah, u, hahs — Mosomones — Esetahkenbas — Red wings — are for Peace

There could be no possible cause for war — if all the Chippeways were so furnished with agents as to keep them on their own lands — this fact has been for years — reccommended and urged in the strongest terms upon the cereous attention & consideration of the government — but allthough year after year for Ten years — have my views been fully made known — yet the Chippeways upon the Waters of the Mississippi — have been without an Agent & consequently 2535 of these people have been thrown upon my hands — and the responsibility of their management forced on me in a manner nescessary to be noticed.—

Piagic — Naudin — Pigake — Mooseomoneh & other Chiefs & head men — with 130 men women and children — from St Croix — Snake and Rum Rivers — reached this Agency this day —

Naudin — a Village Chief said

My Father — I was here a few days past and saw you & heard your words — if you see me again this day so soon it is the fault of my friend — here Piagic & some others — I met them after I had nearly

Got home - and they asked me as I had been on with you to see our great Father at Washington to return back & come down with them - I did so my Father & I hope as they are starveing & have many women and Children with them that you will open your heart & let them have our Stomach full of your provisions. ——

My Father -

I felt sorry to see the distress of my people they were when I met them smoking the leaves they had not one pipe of Tobacco - I told my friends here that I had just left you and that you had given me nothing - but they said they must see you -

My Father

I have but one mind & that all our people here and from the Sioux to Red Lake we can never think of going to the Sault of St Marys - it is too far off & we starve on the way and return when we have gone as we left our Villages - without any thing when you had charge of us - Things were far diffrent we lived well & had a plenty of Tobacco to smoke

My Father

We wish our great Father informed once more of our situation we hear he has a heart for all his Children the Indians and I am sure as I have once been in his lodge - that he will take pity upon us -

My Father -

We cannot do without your advice - You have for 12 years given us good Councils - we are determined not to forget them

My Father

We will call tomorrow to learn the news as we have picked up a little - which appears to come from below (alluding to Sacs & Foxes) - we have also some thing more to say to you if you will permit us to speak. —

Issued 80 lbs of Pork 90 Rats of flour to Chippeways

Monday 27th June

The Sioux Chiefs - Penetum - Koc Ko moc Ko & C - with some 80 or 90 of their people moved to the Chippeway Camp - where both Tribes dance for some hours together. —

Sent word to the Lake Band of Sioux That in future our Express would be armed in going and returning from Prairie des Chiens - and that they would be instructed to fire upon any party of Sioux who might attempt to molest or search their Boat as was recently the case when Capt Short was returning here —

Sent a Message also by the Little Crow Chief to Wabishaw and his people that I was ready to pay them their Annuities for 1831 —

The Sioux & Chippeways - convened at my house this evening after having danced alternately at each others encampment near the Agency - I spoke to both tribes - the principle men of each had during the day consulted and agreed among themselves as to their Summer hunts - as well as future understanding ——

3 Sioux arrived from Prairie des Chiens - and report that the Sacs & Foxes had assembled at Rock River - and that General

Genl Gains was at Rock Island with 5 Company of the 6 & 3d Regts & it was certainly expected that a severe conflict would ensue before the Sacs would be induced to abandon the State of Illinois — from my knowledge of the Sac Character there is no doubt of the truth of the foregoing supposition —

The British party among the Sacs & Foxes is strong and are secretly influenced in their conduct —

Tuesday 27th June 1831

The Sioux and Chippeways were together most of this day makeing peace and setting their business relative to land marks I gave Piagic Naudin & several other distinguished Chippeways — as follows 18 pds of Powder 36 lbs Lead — 35 lb Tobacco — as they were really in great want —

My Council House will be ready to receive Indian Visitors — by the 20th of July — this building was burnt down on the 14th of August 1830 — nearly one year ago —

The Sioux and Chippeways are to meet at my House on tomorrow to confirm all their recent conventions — in my presence. —

I have held more than 200 Councils since July 1820 — between these old enemies — & have been instrumental in doing some good so they say to me & to each other —

The aid of the Government is once more wanted, and if guided my experience and reccommendations. there shall be a permanent peace among most of those unfortunate people. —

Wednesday 29th June 1831

In general Council this day was confirmed in my presence — and fully ratified by the Chippeway of the St Croix — of Rum River and Mille Lac and Sandy Lake on one side —

The Sioux of Nine mile Village on the Mississippi — Petit Corbeaus — & the Chiefs & head men of 3 other Villages on the St Peters on the other or side of the Sioux = The Sioux opened the Council by addressing the agent in the 1st places as follows

Penetion said —

My Father — I have with the principle men and braves of four Villages been talking together with our friends here (the Chippeways) and we have visited each others camps — danced together & feasted out of the same kettle and eat out of the same bowl —

My Father — It has always been your wish, and you never gave any but good Councils — that all your Children should be at peace & live — My Nephew here who has sufferd much by the wars are who you have noticed — by your marks (a medal small & a flag) — has started this business of makeing peace finally and for the last time — which we this day wish to confirm in your presence that you may hear what we say & that we wish to please you, and our great Father. —

Penetion Chiefs — said —

Chippeways — My Friends —

Our Father here wishes for peace betwn us — I wish the same — that we may once more have a bright sky over our Nations and our women & Children rest in peace — I am this day in earnest and I call the Great Spirit to witness what we shall say & do this day in presence of our Father

It is our own wish once more to shake

hands with you - Smoke the pipe of Peace & lay our War Clubs once more under the ground. —

My Friends

You may rely this time on what we say - for at last - the warriors who have lost many of their relations & friends - were the first to speak to me to rise here & speak their sentiments - they are for peace - war has been carried on long enough between our people & yours - we live too close together now to be enemies - we must become one Nation sooner or later and now is the time to tie the knot. — & we promise you not to be the first to spill blood — My Nephew has a pipe he will speak and offer it to you - all I hope is that you will receive it with good hearts & smoke all bad things away. —

Kockomocko Said (a Sioux Village Chief) —

My Father — Your long exertions & wishes for peace between your Children & the Chippeways is this day about to please you - we came here to have our peace whitened by you - for Six years after you first come among us you wished us to be at peace & all that time we obeyed your words - & no blood was spilt - some few bad men among our people spoilt that peace - but we this day hope to bury the War Club forever. —

My Father —

We know we give you great trouble but you have great patience and will witness our present determination to stop our useless wars - I wish to say a few words

to my friends here the Chippeways who have been invited to seal our agreement before you. —

Chippeways My Friends

When your old Chief was alive (Kendosa) we respected him and our peace remained unbroken - you know since he left us that blood has flowed & the grass has been stained with the blood of your people as well as our own — Our Father here wishes peace between us & it is our duty to do all that he desires for it is for our good - his Councils are never bad

My friends - you may in good faith receive our pipe of friendship - you see how we have treated you since you arrive here - we are for peace and after we have sealed it here before our Father - some 40 or 50 of our people will join you & go up to our lines on Sauk River - we will hunt together and part as we shal live in friendship. —

The Warriors themselves My Friends started this peace it will now last - all the exertions of the Chiefs could do nothing until the beaves & young men started this good work. —

Anogenasiah - a Sioux Warrior Said —

My friends - My Brother was given over to you & shot for what happened here in 1827 - My Father is gone & most of my relations - but - My Father here has placed his hands upon me - & I must please him as well as our own people —

I have this Pope - to my friend who I have not seen for 3 years - to him will I entrust it - to be carried to his people that they may know - what has this day been

done by us - That peace may once more Shile
upon us - peace must, & shall be made
I feel strong as no man has a greater
right to complain - My Nation Knows
what I have lost & suffered and if I
am for peace it is not because I am
afraid to fight or to die like a man
I can do either - but peace is what
we want in both Nations - and I have
put myself forward to Stop any further
blood shed - My friends I will never
be the first to brake our peace nor my
people if they do - they Shall suffer for it -

Here the Pipe was presented & received
generally with good feelings ——
& with great cordiality ——

Piagick - a Chippeway War Chief Stood & said

My Father - It is not necessary for
me to tell you how my heart is placed - you
already know what I have done for ten
or twelve years past to aid you with my
people to keep the peace with your Children
the Sioux - & you also know how I succeeded
My Father -

We are so close to the Sioux that we ought
to be at peace - If we visit you often it is
to see our old enemies - as often as possible to
talk with them & let them become acquainted
with our people & know that we are for peace
& not for war - Our Road cannot be changed
we must continue it - it is too far to go to the
Lakes - our women & Children Starve and we
get nothing when we do go - We wish

our Great Father informed of our determination
for we must leave this Post whether we get
any thing from you or not - we expect nothing
and you well Know we ask for nothing
but a little Tobacco to fill our pipes. ——

My Father - I wish now to speak a few words to the Sioux

My friends - the Sioux

You ask for peace to be between us - this
is right - for you were the first to break it after
it had gone on for more than Six years —
after our Father had opened the roads —

My friends - you have treated us badly - when we
make a peace we expect to keep it - but
you it seems make a peace - only for a short
time & then break it - I will bury all
bad things - and try your friendship once
more - certainly you will be ashamed to
call us here before our Father to witness -
What we shall do - & then the moment
you are out of his sight - spoil all that
we have done - but I hope for better
things - I will cause my people to be
quiet - let me see you do the same and
our peace will last forever ——

Several other Chippeway Chiefs & Head men
Spoke but - their Speeches were
nearly of the same complexion
with the foregoing - as delivered
by Piagick

Peace was made between 5 Bands
of the Sioux & 4 Bands of the
Chippeways - Runs, Snakes, Sioux & Lake

Thursday June 30th 1831

The Strong Ground
Hole in the Day } Sandy Lake } 50 men
White Fisher
Old Cloud — of Leech Lake } & women
arrived this day & were here with
Naudin — of Rum River —
Piagick — of St Croix — —
Mooreomond — of Snake River —
In all — 140 Chippeways —
120 Sioux

Total 260 of both nations at the Agency — I spoke to & had the peace of the 28 & 29th Inst recapitulated to all the Sandy Lake Indians which was duly satisfied & confirmed This day spent in dancing & exchanging Vests of friendship and mutual giving of Presents

Friday July 1st 1831

Interpreter — Black smith and Striker provisioned — On Wednesday the 29th Ultimo — while the Sioux and Chippeways were at the camp of the latter — makeing peace — Lieut Eastman without the least provocation caught one of the Sioux young men (a son of Kockomoko a village chief) by the hair of head & pulled him severely for some time & this too in the presence of both nations — a great disgrace & affront offered to the Indian — One of the Indians was about striking Lt E to the ground but he was prevented from commiting murder by his Father & some others The matter was only reported to me

This day — Three Canoes were purchased of the Chippeways by some of the Officers & Mr Culbertson — for which Whiskey was given in payment — which caused many of them to get drunk — & a rupture with the Sioux was very near being the result This matter is to be further investigated before a report be made to the proper Deptt —

Chippeways, and Sioux on their way up the Mississippi — Many at the Agency this day previous to starting off

An Official report of Lieut Eastman conduct made to Capt Ivacte at the request of the Chiefs — Kocomoko & Penetion —

Saturday 2d July 1831

Lieuts — Bradley, and Herron — of the 2d Regiment of Infantry — reached this Post with 23 recruits for the 1st Infantry located at Fort Snelling —

No particular news as to what our Troops & Militia are doing at Rock Island — in the case of the invasion of Illinois by the Sac & Fox Indians There is in my opinion too much hesitation on the part of our government — prompt and decisive coertion — is best calculated to make a lasting as well as a favourable impression upon all Indian tribes — The Sacs ought to be severely chastised they have for years wanted wanted it — & time will let all men see that it is all a mistaken policy & of cruelty to let the present occasion pass unheeded by us —

The Chippeways called to see me upon the subject of persons cuting timber on their lands —

Sunday July 3d 1831

The Gourd - the Indian for whom his Father made know the abuse said to have been inflicted on him by Lt Eastman - was sent for by Lieut E - and the matter adjusted to the Satisfaction of said Indian —

I learn that Kocokocmokoe who preferd the complaint on behalf of his son. with a request that the same be communicated to the Comdg Officer - when called upon by the Comdg Officer to state the case - denied havering - reported to the agent all the remarks - contained in his letter to Capt Jouette — now this is both strange and unaccountable - for the words were written down most certainly as rendered by Mr Campbell - the Interpreter and nothing more - nor as much as was really stated by the Chief - Lieut Williams being present. —

Letter received this day from Mr Marsh - on the subject of the Smith Ship for the lower Sioux. — He also writes that the Keckapoos - Iowas, Ottoes, and Pottawatamus - were assembling at Rock Island to join the Sacs & Foxes against the Whites - Genl Gains - was at Rock Island with some regular Troops & the Governor of Illinois - was advancing with 7 or 8 hundred Malitia to join him. —

The Sioux & Chippeways have generally departed for the Sauk River - to hunt on the line between the two Nations —

Monday 4th July

Received a letter from Capt Jouette relative to the explanation made by Lt Eastman in the affair of the Gourd an Indian —

Jos Renville } Placed this letter on file as it deserves to be referred to -
Louis Provencalle } Traders at Traverse des Sioux and Lac qui parle reach this agency from Prairie du chiens —

Sent to see & examine their Boats - & to detain all whiskey over a certain Quantity. —

Tuesday 5th July —

Joseph Renville Jr. Licensed for the River de Roche until July 6th 1833 - 2 years —

Obtained returns of furs to be reported to the War Dept - of A Culbertson - Jos Renville - and Louis Provincalle. —

French Crow Chief - this old Wahpa Kootee at the agency from the lower Sioux. —

Present	16¼ lbs Powder	20 lbs Lead	1 Kettle
12 Glasses	30 lbs Tobacco	10 Gun Flints	3 Knives

Joseph Renville Senr & Louis Provincalle. — departed for Lac qui parle - Traverse des Sioux &c —

One of Whiskey 34½ Galls - Allowed to Joseph Renville Senr for the use of his Boat hands —

One Barrel - 33½ to J Renville Jr. for his outfit to River De Roche

One Barrel 34¼ to Louis Provencalle - for his outfit. —

One Barrel of Whiskey to A Culbertson for A Baillys outfit at Entry of Peters - for men Cuting Hay &c —

Some Sioux at the agency - returned from the Falls of St Anthony - afraid no doubt to proceed

A Coffin made for a small Indian Boy - son or grandson of the Chief - Patahu tah

I have had to pay myself for all Coffins for Indians —

Wednesday July 6th 1831

Letter to Colonel Morgan - Comd Fort Crawford on Indian Affairs —

Letter to Genl Clark Superintendant of Indian Affairs relative to peace with the Sioux & Chippeways and treaty payments. —

Wabeshas - to have a Trading House at Wabisapene Creek - Forks Red Cedar - a long days walk from Red Cedar old Fort. —

Wahtap — } These two Chiefs arrived with 35 -
The Rats Heart } men and women from Mille Lac this evening - after a few Observations I made to their people the following Present as they were very poorly off and in great want

viz = 12½ lb. Keg of Powder } 35 pounds of Tobacco
25 bars of Lead } 50 gun - flints —

They met the Sioux, and Chippeways progressing up the Mississippi all quiet. —

Thursday July 7th 1831 —

Unaccountable Conduct of Maliciously disposed persons - Merely for the Sake of doing an injury if possible to another without any Solid motive or Object than mere personal revenge

A combination is forming the object of which is if possible to injure the private and Official Standing of of the Agent at this Post. Some notice of this disposition is now taken to shew at a future day - when it shall become necessary on my part to unmask all who may be concerned in this plot - to be held up to public scorn as well as justice — A Brevet 2d Lt is the prime mover - instigated no doubt by others of his Cloth. —

Rain - for the first time for three weeks - this evening - garden - Corn &c much injured

The Chippeways - remained at the Post this day -

Friday July 8th 1831 —

Bought 1 Pad Lock and two Stock Locks for Agency House — now rebuilding — 1 Keg of Nails —

The Chippeway Chiefs and their people left for Mille Lac this day - I informed them of the recent peace —

Two Soldiers of (E) Cpy - attempted violence on two young Indian women this day near Lands End two Miles from the Fort - reported to the Officer

Saturday July 9th 1831 —

4½ gallons of Whiskey purchased of the Apt Commissary to make good - loss of public Whiskey by leakage worm holes under the Staves, or some other Cause 16 - Rats of Bread issued to poor Indians. —

Rode to Lake Calhoun to visit the Indians settled at that place engaged in agriculture - Corn - Potatoes &c look fine found on my return home some Chippeways —

Pashanancpe Chief of Sandy Lake with a detachment of Chippeways arrived at the Agency. —

This chief being in much want I presented to him — 6¼ lbs of Powder } 15 pounds Tobacco
18 lbs of Lead } 18 gun flints. —

The Chippeway Indians still insist and persist in the most strenuous, and persevering manner in their visits to this Agency - these people all unite in one Opinion that the Agency at the Sault de St Marie is too far off which is unfortunately but too true - in fact for the small amount of Presents which they receive on such visits - is of no account -

Sunday July 10th 1831

Received a letter from Lieut Eastman dated the 1st Inst - reporting the Killing of his dog by a Sioux Indian (Penetions son) in April about the 20th of that Month - & in a hostile Manner. — . — . — . — . —

Wrote a note to Mr. Campbell (after answering Mr Es-letter) to send for the Indian in question. —

Pashanonepe Chief & other Chippeways at the Agency I informed them of the peace made by the Sioux with their people. —

Monday 11th July

Chippeways more of their people arrived this day from Red Cedar Lake —

Hazen Moores - arrived from Prairie du Chiens on his return to his Post at Lac Traverse — Granted him his Licence on his Bond —

Narcissus Franier — Granted him a Licence this day on his Bond for White Wood River —

B F Baker - received a letter from him a trader of Leech Lake —

News not final as to the Sacs & Foxes - Col Morgan and Major Twiggs - with troops had left the Prairie du Chiens - for Rock Island

The Sioux Chiefs sent in a runner from their hunting Camp to learn if there was any or what News from below

The Indians generally at this period suffer greatly for the want of food - their corn not being as yet fit for use nor will it be for fifteen or twenty days — a few fish is all that can be had for their families at present

Tuesday July 12th 1831

H. Moores departed this day for his Post at Lacquiparle Allowed him One Barrel & 10 gallons of whiskey for his men and outfit —

Narcis Franier - One Barrel - and one other Barrel for Post at Cheyanne fork of Red River — 3 Bls 10 gals - Some ten or 15 gallons was in a Barrel —

Old Faribault & others made great Talk about Moores - having been permitted to pass with 4 Bls whiskey without any knowledge of the circumstances - This is however an Indian Trader like propensity - and unworthy of notice —

An Indian from Lake Traverse - gave him —
1 - 6¼ lbs - Keg of Powder — 35 lbs Tobacco
25 bars of Lead — 25 gun flints -

Wednesday July 13th

Some few Chippeways at the Agency this day — none on particular business at my house - the stated that they came down to see their trader and to sell a few Red deer Skins - for amunition - Tobacco &c &c —

Sioux - many of these people suffer for want of food I mean those whose heads of families are no more & have left their widows with numerous Orphan Children and all of these not of sufficient size to hunt or be of service to their Mothers - such need at this season our assistance - at least until their corn be fit for use - 15 or 18 days hence —

Gave a poor Indian family — 1 - 2½ pt B Canket
4 lbs Powder 8 lbs Lead - 1½ yds Stroud
6 yds of Calico — 25 - Gun flints —

Thursday 14th July 1831

Colonel Croghan - Inspr. Genl. of the Army arrived this day at this Post on a tour of Inspection of the Posts on the Lakes - the northern - western and southern Stations of our Troops -

Benj F Baker - W Brown, A Bailly - Indian Traders reached this Agency also from Prairie du Chiens -

Mr. Goodrick - of Virginia also arrived on a Visit. - Strangers from Europe often visit us here -

Mr. Langham the Sub Agent - returned from Prairie du Chiens in the Steam Boat (Which brought the Troops to that place - (to St Louis -)

Letter from Genl Gains A D C - & a McCall relative to the Sacs - Keokucks remarks &c - council to be given to the Sioux

Genl. Clark - Several letters from him - on various subjects - accounts &c - Letters - with notes on their backs filed -

Letter from my Pennsylvania connections. - None as yet from those in Virginia -

Vouchers of purchases in May - just received

Friday 15th 1831

2 Letters written to Genl Clark - relative to Presents - duplicate Receipts $400 - Bd No 4

G H Kennerly - enclosed a Draft to him - for $400 = Receipts to Genl Clark - July 1st

Genl E P Gaines - letter to him - relative to Sacs & Sioux - on their line - Sacs no right to complain - lines ought to be defined - by Survey -

Other important interests - als accommodated

Saturday July 16th 1831

Mr D Campbell, and P. Prescote returned from the lower Sioux this day -

Letter from Mr. Marsh - Shop & House for Black Smith progressing - indians satisfied as to its location at the Kettles - Valley Forge -

Lower Sioux decline coming up to this place To send me word the last of this month when assembled at their Village. - that I may prepare to go down - to pay their annuities and transport the tools &c for Smith Shop. -

Troops Inspected this day by Col Croghan Inspr Genl

Sunday 17th July

Chippeways - more of their people from Mille Lac arrived at the Agency. -

Coffin - I had one made this morning for a young Indian woman of Black Dogs village -

Col Croghan & Mr Goodrick left this morning for the lower Country - my official despatches in charge of the Col - for Genl Clark Genl Gains - Capt Kennerly, & others -

Monday 18th

Capt Jouett - 1st Regt Infantry an Official Letter to him on Indian affairs

Wahmadetunkah Chief and some of his principle men arrived from their hunts -

Patah Uhah } 25 mile Village arrived also
Anogenasiah } 25 do do do

Reported where they had left the Chippeways all moving on quietly with the Sioux towards Sauk River -

Tuesday 19th July 1831

Black Leog. Chief.
Patah a hah — Chief — } Explained the views of the
Anogenasah — war do } Sacs as Contained in the
Letter of Genral Gains of the 10th of June.
in the most forcible manner —

I shall send Penetion Chief to hunt with the Sioux on the Des moines this fall and all winter until Spring. so as my Councils may be continually repeated, and Kept in view.

Pipe received from Palah a hah Chief 25 Mile Village
Pipe received from Anogenasah — on the peace which has been Ackully concluded by his people with the Chippeways —

Wednesday 20th July —

Penetion Chief — } returned after 17 days —
Kockomoko — 2 do } absence from Sauk River
when they parted with the Chippeways —
Alexander Fairbault — Passport granted to him and 4 Canadians — to go to Cannon River and the Des moines —
10 Gallons of whiskey allowed to him for the use of his men Cuting Hay and Building Houses — for the Trade —
Penetion Chief engaged to goon to the Demoy Mun to deliver the Message of Genl Gains from Keokuck the Sac war Chief — and to unite in that country — to travel among the Wahpacootas, and South Yancton bands of Sioux — with my Councils & Instructions. not to encroach upon the Sauk Lands
Corn — the first Ground fit for use this day —

Thursday 21st July 1831 — 30.

Express Mail returned from Prairie du Chiens this day —
But few letters or papers —
One official letter from Col Morgan — 1 private Pittsburg
from N. P. Fetterman Esqr. —
House at Lands End — engaged to the Am Fur Company
at $100. —
Several Indians at the Agency this day.

Friday 22d —

10 Gallons of whiskey Allowed Alexander Culbertson for the use of his men at Lac qui parle in house building and cuting Hay —
Wabishaws Chief & his people are said to be on their way to this peace to receive their Annuities. —
Rain — considerable fell this day —

Saturday 23d —

Joseph Rolette arrived from Prairie du Chiens —
Boat & Cargo — Labarthe in charge —
Wm Aitkins Jr. also returned being on his way back to the Upper Mississippi & Red River —
of the North — or Hudsons Bay —

Sunday — 24th —

Mr Demaries from his Post at Grand Forks on Red River — a trader for Mr Marsh arrived and departed for Prairie du Chiens with his Returns. —
Horses Cropped the Tails for the use of the Am Fur Company — in their Trade —
Wah Kon Tunkah & party of Little Crows Band at the Agency this day
Gave Mrs Campbell a half Breed 14 yrs Calico for herself and family of Male Children — 4 Families from Red Riv

Monday July 25

The families from Pembina are in a Starving condition - 28 persons in all -
These unfortunate people were told that Lands would be given them by the U States near this Post & farming tools -

Pigake - Chief 1st S Sioux Chippeways and Band reached the agency this day on a visit
Present 12½ lbs Powder - 25 lbs Tobacco -
25 lbs - Lead 25 gun flints -

Nasiumpah - grand Soldier & party of Sioux at the Agency this day - Pine Bend Village
24 Rats of Bread Grind 24 lbs Pork

Sold for Mr Langham

5. Cows with Calves at	$16	$90
2. do without do at	15	30
1. Red Ball Small	10	10
		$130

Tuesday 26th

Perretion chief - with a message to the South Yanctons Wahpacootas and lower Medawakanton Sioux - hunters &c on the line between the Sacs & Foxes and the Sioux Nations of Indians -

My Children -

The Sacs & Foxes have said that if you intrude on their lands - you may expect to be Killed - I well know that you are Satisfied with your lands and with the Treaty made last year at Prairie du Chiens. -

I also believe that you have to this day Kept that treaty Sacred - by not touching any part of the Lands secured to the Sacs & Foxes - but these people wish for some

excuse to begin the War Again - as they have been humbled by the White People - their hearts are Sore in consequence -

Therefore my Children - do as you have always done listen to my words - Keep away from the lands of these people - do not let your Traders on your lands force you into difficulty - you know your own Country and you know what belongs to your great Father - You can hunt for the present on it but not on that which the Sacs & Foxes sold to the U States Confine your hunts to that which alone belongs to you and the Slip of Country which you let me have for your great Father - and he will protect you -

My Children -

Look before you walk into the fire - If the Sacs & Foxes intrude on your lands - let me know - if War should unhappily arise between you - let the blame rest on the Sacs & Foxes - and your cause will be good - then your great Fathers heart & hands will be open to do you justice. -

Law Taliaferro
Indn Agent
A S Peters

S Campbell Interpreter

July 26th 1831

A copy to be furnished Perretion to take with him to shew to the Traders. -

50 Plugs of Tobacco } 50 gun Flints
6 1/4 lbs Keg of Powder } 2 Glasses
4 1/2 yds Blue Calico } 1 paper Vermillion
1 Small Keg 2 1/2 galls Whiskey } 1 Hat fine Supr
1 Moc Macinac B Canket } 1 Knife
The foregoing articles delivered } 3 Corn Horn combs
Penetion - Chief for his Voyage to the Desmoines

Wednesday 27th July 1831

Most Violent Storm of Thunder - lighting - wind Rain & Hail during the night past — considerable damage done - a large Oak Tree entirely demolished to the Stump by lightning
Pigake - Chief of the St Croix Chippeways departed for their village —
Annuities paid some Wahpacoota Indians this day -

Thursday - 28 July

Wah zee omannah an Indian of Penetions Village was furnished some ten days since more or less - with about thirty five Gallons of Whiskey - A Medicine dance was the result which ended in fighting which was near proving serious in its consequences - The Indians inform me that this Whiskey was brought up from the Prairie by the Indian in Question - nevertheless - The fires Village received 10 Gallons & the Black Dogs Village 10 - of this same Whiskey - the design of its introduction cannot be mistaken - Traders do not violate the Law in this respect - Oh! No they are very pure - very pure indeed —
but at least they would so wish us to believe

Friday 29th July 1831

Indians begin to eat their Corn - less of Starvation in Consequence - Operations for carrying on the Trade in any manner calculated to destroy Oposition to the Am F Cpy is in progress - Some have Seceded from this Company which will cause much feeling and the men employd to great lengths - Violations of the law may be expected - & particularly in the article of Whiskey. — great exertions to prevent this

Saturday 30th July -

Some few Sioux at the Agency - on business —
2 Chiefs Penetion & Wah madelunkah also
Jacob Fraehe employed to cut wood for & burn Coal for the Smiths Shop. — 8 cts pr Bushel
$215 - paid A S Mure for Capt Culbertson - $115 in draft

Sunday 31st July 1831.

Rode out to Lake Calhoun on a visit to the Agricultural Establishment of the Indians - Some of their fields of Corn fit for use
Potatoes in several fields to promising —
Vines - Beans - Squashes &c —
Fish of all kinds in this Lake - a large Pike broke my line & carried of my Hook
Wire fastenings are very necessary to preserve both the hook & the line from their teeth which are numerous and Sharp -
The Indian Trade appears to monopolize the attention of the Indians at this time which I am not displeased to see
Goods ought to be furnished at a fair price

St Peters - Monday August 1st 1831

Wawpsinikan = Location on Red Cedar
Mixed Lakes = Location near Desmoines

Wahpisepenikan branch of Red Cedar River of Desmoines
Him an Indian came very drunk to my House
this day. The Ratler says Mr Bailly gave him
sufficient to cause this drunkeness

Penetion - bought his son according to my
direction this day. In presence of Doctor
Wood I examined him on the cause of
his shooting Lieut Eastmans Dog - he said
"I had been drinking and was drunk the day
that I shot the dog - he approached me
on the Prairie and I shot him with the
Pistol I had in my hand - not knowing
whose dog it - I did not see Lieut
Eastman until afterwards - and if I
had not been drunk the thing would
not have happened - I had no bad
intentions against any one

An official note was after this written to
Lieut Eastman - giving such a
view of the case as seemed to
be proper - the mode of punishment
for such an offence stated and
questioned = 1st case of the kind
that has ever occurred at this Post

If Officers of the Army Identify themselves with
Indians & become as it were allied
to their families - insults of the kind
before alluded to may be expected
sooner or later -

Tuesday 2d August

Mr Bailly left for St Louis - Lieut Stockton & family -
Mrs Jouette & two children for Prairie du Chiens

Accts for 2d Qr of the present year forwarded this day
by Lieut Stockton to Genl Clark Supt of the Affairs
at St Louis - it being the first safe opportunity
since the 1st of July -

Letter Official to Genl Clark - by Mr Bailly -
relative to granting Licenses for the Chippeway
Indians on the Waters of the Mississippi -
for persons to trade with them.

$350 = Sent to John Marsh at Prairie du Chiens -
For House for Treaty Smith, & Shops

Passport granted to Jos Rotelle to travel in the Indian
Country on the St Peters - for thirty five days

Wednesday 3d

The Sixes 2d Son (one who lost his child last year by the Chippeways) made
a threat that he would go to war because the Agent had
not given him a Medal = this is not a fact as to the
real cause - I will not give whiskey to the Indians -
this is what causes the feeling

Mohzah hotah and part of his Fathers Band arrive
from the Desmoines -

Little Rapids - A number of Indians from this place
the come to get Credits of their Traders and
then make a convenience of the Agent

This has been but too much the case - the Indians
are induced to ask me for whiskey to cover
that which the Traders give - this I have
found out - therefore will not give any -

Thursday August 4th

Slight Frost last night —

Indians made drunk at Black Dogs Village this day — Whiskey obtained by them at Mr Browns Trading House

Indian seen in a State of considerable intoxication at Lands End this day — [redacted] — Portion chief & part of his people including the Black Dogs — all in the same State of inebriety. —

I rode up to Lands End myself to see if the foregoing reports were true or not — & found them untrue as to their being Indians drunk at Mr Browns House —

The Village was too far & too late in the evening to visit it — —

Friday 5th

Etuzzchpah or the Bow — War chief of Wabeshas Band — arrived this day — from their Old Village below Lake Pepin — —

Wah Koota Chief of Late Red wing Band of Sioux Head of Lake Pepin arrived also —

Le Petit Corbeau Chief of 10 Mile Village Miss — arrived also from the Prairie de la Crosse — where he had been on a visit to the Winnabagoes —

Council on Tomorrow with the two first named principal men —

Councilled with Little Crow — whose men 30 — in number were with him —

My Father — I have been absent for some time on a visit to the Winnabagoes — I did not get what I went for — Whiskey is like water in the lower Country — and much Mischief happens — in consequence — I could learn nothing of my friend Wabeshas — some of his people have come up to see you

Saturday 6th

Talked with Etuzzchpah or the Bow — War chief (Wabeshas Band) & with — Wah Koota — Chief Lake Pepin Band of Sioux

Wabeshas Message received = a very lame excuse made for not meeting me at Lake Pepin on the 10th of June to receive with his people the annuity for 1831 —

States that I found him in the Steam Boat in the Spring and did not even call to shake hands with him. That I did not leave the Black Smith or the Money coming to his Band but hoped up with it to St Peters = with other remarks equally as idle and preposterous = How could these things be accomplished in a day — The Buildings had to be erected first before it was proper to employ a Smith and again my Instructions compelled me to obtain not only Receipts for the Money paid the Indians — but their Names — Mr in each family — besides two disinterested persons as witnesses to the payments — all these things in conjunction are plain — No the fact is that This Chief old & childish was persuaded by Mr Rolette to the course which he has taken & held on to — to have the Money paid either at Prairie des Chiens or in the Indian Country at their Villages — thereby to cause the Agent to create as much unnecessary expence to the Government as possible — & to shew the Indians that by such a course of Obstinacy I would be compelled to pay the Money where he as their trader thought proper for his views — These are plain matters of fact

Sunday Augst 7th 1831

Sacs at war with the Wahpacoota Sioux again
40 Sac Indians on or about the 26th of July passed into the Sioux Country between the Head waters of Cannon River of the Mississippi and the Terra Blue (Blue Earth of the River S Peters 130 Miles from Fort Snelling & in the heart of the Wahpacoota Country when was met with & killed the following principle men attached to Wahmadesappah Chief 2d —
Viz. Toh ah - oh toh — } within sight of the Sioux
Cinta-paa — } Lodges - encamped at a place called the Grey tail - and in Sioux - Cinta-gah - and near where the Sussiton Sioux and the Sacs - fought some severe conflicts in 1822 & 1823. —
What I knew would occur has taken place. —

Monday Augst 8th —

Official Letters written on the subject of the Wanton Attack of the Sac Indians upon the Wahpakootas
Genl William Clark Supt Letter to him. —
Col W Morgan 1st Infantry Letter to him —
Maj Genl E P Gaines U S A Comdg W Dept letter to him
Official Notice Given Capt W R Smith Comdg at Fort Snelling Upper Mississippi —

Tuesday 9th Augst

Several Head men of the Sioux at the Agency Talked over the affair between the Sacks and Wahpakootas of the plains —
Mr Brown of Lands End reported to me that Mr Faribault J. Bpte had stated to the Indians that I had given him a paper authorising him to take all their guns & traps & more than all to sieze upon all furs which any of his old creditors might make &c — (false)

Wednesday 10th 1831

Little Crow Chief & his people at the Agency this day — This old Chief made some very judicious & sensible remarks upon the subject of Indians & Indian affairs generally
He stated that but few Indians understood what it was that the Americans wished to do for them but really for his part nothing appeared to be more plain —
Okaipee sent for to go Express to Prairie du Chiens —

Thursday 11th

The Soldiers after a cessation of 25 days recommenced by beginning to chink the body of the Buildings 3 men only would have completed the whole Building a month ago easily all but repairing the fire places & a little store repairs —
Genl Gains's Order arrived at this Post on the 27th of May - for Rebuilding Council House —
Tah sau gah - the Wah pa Koota Chief arrived at this Post this day & conforms the report of two of his people having been killed by the Sacs —

Friday 12th August 1831 –

In Council this day – Tahsaugah Chief Speaker

Present – Petit Corbeau – Chief 10. mile Village –
Penetion – Chief 7. mile Village –
Wahmadetunkah – 4 Mile Village

The Wahpakoota Chief Tahsaugah Said –

My Father –

The chiefs & head men are assembled this day to hear what I am going to say to you. You see my body it is coverd with Clay them emblem of what it will be after death –

My Father – My ears have been open to your words and you know whether I have listend to your satisfaction – but the time has come when I fear I can listen no longer – I am a man – No Petite coat covers my naked ness – ——

My Father – I wish to know what my people are to expect from the promises made at the Treaty last year. by our great Father – we listened to his words – they were good, and we were satisfied – but one year has not passed before our blood again runs – we are hunted in our own lands and shot down like Buffalos – we cannot longer stand this

My Father – what is the use of makeing treaties If the nations do not listen – your nation being near the Sacs. they ought to be made to behave – but it appears that as they do as they please – you are afraid of them – for if your nation was not afraid – we could have peace. ——

My Father – I wish you to write to our Great Father – to my Father the Red Head & to our Brother Col Morgan – tell them that their dogs – Hogs – the Sacs have bitten my people in the heart of their own country – while scattered in every direction hunting for the support of their families – Tell them two of my best men have lost their scalps & their families left in distress. ——

My Father – Even now while I am speaking I know you will hear more bad news for as our people are scattered about the plains – more of them will be killed by those dogs – the Sacs – I did not stop to collect all my people who were absent but came off at once alone to let you know what had taken place at my Camp. ——

My Father. My friend from Wahmadesappah has arrived with a message from his Brother to you I am done for the present – to hear him give you the news

My Father – My Brother has sent me to you to say that the Sacs have again appeared in the heart of his country and have bitten two of his principle men (Cantapaa & Toh oh toh ah –) you know them my Father

My Father – The words which I speak do not come from me they are from my Brother who sent me to you to tell you the news –

He wishes to know your sentiments what is to be done
He will wait until the falling of the leaves for
the white people to fulfill the promise made
to the nations assembled in council - that who-
ever raised to Tomahawk first & made war
that our great Father would as his arms were
long reach them and cause justice to be done
to the nation injured & that if they refused
satisfaction - that he would join the injured
party and march his soldiers against them

My Father - This Bunch of Wampum & Tomahawk
(war club) brings you the sentiments of our
people - we made a treaty & wished to be
at peace - but those dogs the Sacs will not
let us rest - when the leaves fall and your
nation do not do us justice - we expect
that you will not fail to return us this
war club again - for we shall never
again lay it down - it will be useless for
you nation ever again to call us to another
council. Our Ears shall be closed

My Father
You say you sent your Express down
the River with the news of our loss
and what we expect - If you are not
afraid of the Sacs you will do us justice
we wish to know the determination
of our great Father as soon as you
hear from below - as we shall be
anxious to know what will be done -
we cannot wait long our great
Father must be quick or we shall
be Menomonies - Winnabagoes and other
tribes be on the war road before him -

Reply & Message sent to the Wahpakootas -

My friends, & Children
Your Runner has been received with the Talk
you sent - your words give me pain and your
misfortunes distress me -
You ask for redress for the wrongs which the
Sacs have done you - this request is reasonable
and shall be complied with - as you have
listened to the words of your great Father -

My Children - If you think my nation afraid of the Sac
Indians - you greatly deceive yourselves - your
great Father is not afraid of any nation white
or red for he has had cause to chastise both
Severely - and the weight of his arm will again
be felt if all his children do not listen to
his good councils - He wishes not the blood of any

My Children - Your message has been sent to your great
Father - he will soon learn that those dogs the
Sacs - have again set their teeth to work -
You may expect with certainty the fulfilment
of the promise made at Prairie du Chiens last year -

My Children You say you will at my request wait
until the falling of the leaves - before you strike
the Sacs - let this be so - remain quiet on your
own lands until you hear from your great Father
then I will send his words to you by Express -
what will be done to do you justice

My Children - Your conduct is without fault or
blame - you have kept within your own lands
this will cause justice to come the sooner - I
promise in the name of your great Father
that you shall have it - by the falling of
the leaves - Receive my Pipe - as I have
your wampum with a good heart, & intentions

Saturday 13th August 1831

Okarpee - My Indian Express departed with my communications to Gen Clark Col Morgan Gen Street & Others - on the War waged by the Sacs against the Sioux -

Coffin one a large 4th or two 6. Specimen left with me by a Chippeway Indian. —— very sick & wounded Died 80 per. Cent -

Wahnacomtah & his Band of Wahpeton Sioux at the Agency this day -

Present Made - 1. Keg Powder - 80 lbs Ball -
25. bars of Lead — 100 Gun flints - 1 doz Combs
24. Knives — 1 pr. 2 pt Bl. ½ doz - fine Steel
12 Knives — 4 doz Glasses 3 yds Flannel
4 pd Vermillion 5 yds Calico 1 Kettle —

Taksangah Chief called to take leave for returning to the Wahpakoota Sioux —

Sunday 14th —

Difficulty among the Traders relative to the credits of last fall to the Indians - I have been frequently called upon to interfere but I cannot do more in the Matter than to advise the Indians to pay such debts if just as well as this new Contracts - Traders have no right to take furs by force whether Credits or not from their Creditors - Custom gives the Trader authority to take Back his Guns - Traps or Kettles from those whom he may sell or give to - on any failure of the Indian to pay his debts in furs - Horses are sold to Indians to hunt with - these ought to be returned if not paid for by them — Old Credits are I have always - may formally surrendered by the Trader as a dead loss if not paid for the first Season. —— All rules in trade ought to be considered to operate both ways —

Monday 15th Augt 1831

Wahnacomta Chief and his people at the Agency this morning - His Band of the Wahpeton Sioux reside at present at the Little Rapids -

The Ratler and Son Men Start for the Pipe Stone Quary Lake to bring me Specimens of the Stone for Several Cabinets of Curiosities -

Ah pah o tah - a petty Chief - and Several of the people of the Plains (Wah pa Kootas) arrived this evening late - They come as messengers from Wah made sappah who was too sick to come His Message is relative to the loss of his people recently by the Sac Indians near his Village &c

Tuesday 16th

Tah sang ah Chief - I was surprised to find this Indian Drunk & his lip burned - I thought he had gone off two days ago with my Message to the Wah pa kootas —— Traders are concerned in this -

Colfrey - & two other Soldiers deserted last night from the wood yard above Penetians Village -

Wah made sappah 2d Chief of the Wah pakootas Sent his Brother with a Message to me relative to the death of Cutapaw and Tohoh to ask two of the Principle men of the Sioux of the Plains -

Wah madutunkah - Penetian Koo koo ronko Chief & Sub Chiefs - called both these people and did not behave so well Penetians particularly - behaved as on a recent & former occasions - by pushing Strange Indians forward to beg whiskey of me - as I was peculiarly situated in trying to preserve peace and to soothe the feelings of the Relatives of the unfortunate men Slain -

Wednesday 17th August

Mr Roque & his son arrived from Prairie du Chiens. having been out 26 days from the above place — & 15 days lost — having crossed the Mississippi at Oliver Grove & passed up on the Shoals to where the Chippeways were found making corn — so great a mistake seldom ever occurred before. — Left for Red River

Ahp pahostah & other Sioux at the agency this day — Indians sent yesterday after Deserters returned early this day — bad sign —

Put a part of the public Stores in the Council House — although it is not half finished

Thursday 18th August —

Nothing of importance transpired during all this day Mr Brown Starts for Lake Pepin in search of his Boat bound up from Prairie du Chiens — Indians gathering their Corn & preparing to move off in quest of Wild Rice —

Friday 19th —

Duncan Campbells a/c made out for his Services as an Express to the Sioux of the plains

Patahtuhah, and 25 men arrived at the agency this evening — business not known Tomorrow it will be stated —

Little Crow Chief on a visit to the agent this day —

Peandetah — on a visit to the agent this day — 25 lbs Tobacco, 25 lbs Lead, 1 Knife, 25 flints, 1/2 doz Glasses, 12 1/2 lbs Powder

Saturday 20th August 1831 —

Thunder — lightning — with considerable rain last night — Indians seek Shelter in the unfinished Council House. —

28: Menomonies Killed by the Fox Indians — below Fort Crawford Prairie du Chiens — about the 1st of this month no cause alledged for this outrage — now will the government redeem its pledge made to the assembled tribes in 1830 at Prairie du Chiens — for this & the late wanton attack upon the Sioux? —

The tribes look with great anxiety for the issue of these affairs — They say after this the white people will be great fools — great cowards as well as great liars — if the Sacs & Foxes — remain on their lands in peace — & permitted to abuse other nations at pleasure —

Two French men arrive with 15 Horses for Mr Bailly Deschoukette & St John —

Sunday 21st

Okarpee my Express returned — he did not go further than Prairie ~~du Chiens~~ Ozelle or Wabishas Village where he states he left my papers for Col Morgan & Genl Clark & others — He was induced to return on hearing that the Fox Indians had Killed in Cold Blood 22 Menomone Indians near & within a mile of Fort Crawford —

The Indians of Wabishas Band advised him to return and leave my Communications to be taken to the Prairie by Lafrombois Roque —

Perretion Chief & a number of Sioux at the agency this day — all to enquire news

Express not yet returned from the Prairie they have been 20 days absent —

Monday 22d August 1831

Pennishon Chief and his party of Sioux at the Agency on a visit this day —

Council held — Wahmadetunkah & Little Crow Chiefs present — Considerable excitement and talk upon the subject of the attack of the Fox Indians upon the Menomones — near Fort Crawford in which 22 of the latter were barbarously murdered —

The attack of the Sac Indians on the Wahpakoota Sioux was also brought up — & the government much censured for its policy in interfering & then not fulfilling their promises —

Tuesday 23d —

Mr Rolette Returned from Lac Tranne — brings news that the Sussitons had killed one chippeway —

Again — An Indian stated that no sheep should pass the country for Red River —

Face of Thunder — that I was to give him a medal & that Mr Rewelle had prevented him from Receiving it —

Indians hot in pursuit of Whiskey — One trader complains that another gives a great deal & so another states that the other trader gives six Barrels — and so we go — The Indians are pushed to complain of these things to the Agent — all to urge the Agent to allow the articles to be used —

Chippeways from Sandy Lake arrive —
also from Leech Lake — Sent by Flat mouth Chief of Pilager — band of chippeways

Mr Schoolcraft passed down the chippeway River on the of this month — he did not visit any of the chippeways on the Mississippi —

Wednesday 24th August 1831

Hire a Crew of Frenchmen — engage a Boat to transport Tools — Iron Steel &c for Smiths Shop at Prairie Ozelle under Treaty of 1830 — with the Medawakanton Sioux —

$600 — in Specie — also for said Sioux

Thursday 25

Set out this morning for the lower — Sioux bands — two Boats — and several Men — Mr Rolette & Labarthe ask for and receive a passage in my Boat passed down the Mississippi this part of the day below the St Croix 50. miles from Fort Snelling & encamp —

Friday 26

Off this morning early in a dense fog — pass Red Wings Village of Sioux 6 miles above Lake Pepin — entered this at 12 oclk M — 7. hours in passing 22 miles — at sun set. Met Mr Laughan & our Express near Chippeway River passed on & encamped near the "Grand Encampment" — having made but 55 miles

Saturday 27th August 1831

Started at 5 oclk this morning - fog dense as usual at this season on this River having a strong current & fair wind we have reached our destination at ½ past 1. oclk - in 8 hours & a half we have made 64 miles - and - pitched my Tent in sight and contiguous to the Old Sioux Village on Prairie Ozelle -

Deputations of Indians from the new village waited on me -

Wabishas the Chief & 30 men being on Root River 35 miles off - I have sent a messenger to notify him of my arrival & business -

Sunday 28 Augt 1831

This day my other Boat arrived with stores for my party & with the Tools Iron &c for the Shop here - took my Canoe & men & passed down 4 miles to the Kettle Hills & received and stored the property for the Indians I have returned again to my Camp & find the Indians collecting to receive their Annuity in Specie

At 5 oclk P.M - commenced counting and pay the money on Receipt Rolls -

Wabishas party arrived - fire a Salute

and danced - the Braves for some half hour - I then paid his party - with much facility, and care - I had thought that some objections would be raised but none were the Chief & all the supposed discontented part of the Band - signed willingly & without the least hesitation - and expressed satisfaction at their prospects of geting their Shop in operation soon -

Monday 29

Closed my business - with these Indians talked to the Chiefs & head men & just before my departure - made a Talk to the whole - upon the subject of the Sacs & Foxes - their conduct in murdering two Sioux on the plains on the last of July and also - 28 - Menomone Indians within hail of Fort Crawford - stated what the government had promised and what I had no doubt would be carried into effect - to give peace -

Tuesday 30th

Yesterday and this day we have passed Lake pepin and encamped at Cannon River - where some money had been sent to pay two Indians - $7.50 & Eight $8

Some Indians told me they had made more corn than the could consume I saw many Sacks to a family -

Wednesday 31st August 1831 -
Although it rained fast this morning we left our encampment at 6 o'clk and worked up the Mississippi all day passed the St Croix River and encamped at the Pine Bend — (Tour de Pin) wet cold & hungry — we strike a fire with great difficulty wolves howling most hideously a few paces from our camp - this is the third night that our ears have been saluted thus unharmoniously —

Thursday Sept 1st

Reach the agency again at 3 o'clk - this evening - find a letter from Mr Schoolcraft & one from Genl I M Street - Indian agent at the Sault de Marie & Prairie du Chiens — Mr Schoolcraft's is dated Yellow River on the St Croix

This trip of Mr Schoolcraft has proven to be an abortion he has not seen the Chippeways on the upper Miss Flat Mouths - Band at Leech Lake & the Sandy Lake Chippeways have been neglected - they feel this neglect, & when an opportunity may offer they will evince it in plain terms - I know their people well, and for years - It is not every man who can manage their affairs so as to give satisfaction - I make this notice out of no disparagement to Mr S - he has talents - but not for Indian feeling -

Saturday Sept 10th 1831

Tahsaugah Chief

Wahmadesappah 2d by his Brother

These people called to see me on the subject of the loss of two of their relations by the Sacs in July last — and to enquire what course their Great Father meant to pursue — or if any thing had been done — as they had heard that 28 Menomonee Indians had been murdered at Fort Crawford — That the Wahpakosta Sioux were tired waiting and wished to go to war before the freezing of the ground &c &c —

I have had to experience much mortification in this matter — and if the Government does not fulfill what was stated to the assembled tribes at Prairie du Chien in July 1830 — at the Treaty — It will be useless for me ever to say another word on the subject of Peace

Remarks of the Agent to the Wahpaakosta Chiefs

My friends — It is best to wait until we see what will be done with the Fox Indians — for the murder of so many of the Menomonee Indians at Prairie du Chien Ours is a small ass to settle in comparison with what the Menomonees have a right to expect — let us rest our minds for a short time as in my opinion — our people will have to go to war with the Sacs & Foxes before long

My friends Your Great Father is strong & can do more than our people can in chastising them for their frequent bad conduct — Let the Wahpaakostas be quiet, for they are now too few to do any thing against so many and so well armed as the Sacs & Foxes are — take my Council it is best —

Sunday 11th Sept 1831 —

The Flat Mouth — Chief of the Pillager Band of Chippeways of Leech Lake

Cheonoquette 2d Chief also from same place but for a few years past located at Crow Island

The Flat Mouth said

My Father — I have called to see you to hear the news as it was told me that we should have an agent placed near Crow Island to watch over our interest & assist us in keeping our lands clean —

My Father — If you see me to day it is because I was told that Mr Schoolcraft would come into my country — the traders received a paper from him which said that he was coming — I got tired waiting for him at Leech Lake and I came down to Sandy Lake & waited there for him but he did not even come there so I came down here to learn what was going on —

My Father — We are left to ourselves — but we would not go to war this summer as we heard that Mr Schoolcraft would be to see us — but it appears we have been greatly disappointed as he passed from the Lake (Superior) at Lapoint into the St Croix & to Chippeway River & home — so now I wish something done for my people as the Sioux from the upper part of the St Peters have been to war this summer & killed one of my people & wounded one other in the shoulder —

Mr Graham arrived from Prairie du Chien
1, Letters from Genl Street U S Agent —
2, 1. from A L Johnson —
3, 1. from Mr Clegg Fever River
4 1. from Jos R Brown — Prairie du Chien —

Monday 12th Sept —

Flat Mouth — Chief of the Pillager Chippeways of Leech Lake called to see me & Said

My Father —

I wish only to be permitted to make to you a few remarks upon our affairs with the Sioux your Children we are without an agent to direct our concerns, and if I rise to Speak to you it is because you know me and this for ten years past —

My Father — we are in a Situation that calls for the interference of our great American Father — we are close to the Wahpetons and Sapetons Sioux and they are far off from you and they do not listen to good Councils — they strike us when they can —

My Father — You know my Sentiments ever since you came here I paid you a visit in 1821 — My mind has been turned on peace — I wish not to change it now as my war Club has been so long under Ground that it would seem strange to take up again —

My Father — I have in truth listened attentively to your words and when our lives are safe and we have an Agent in our County, & a plenty of Traders. I may keep my people at home but as this is done it will be impossible for me to change their road —

My Father I Speak to day that my words may not be thrown away. for it is too far for our people to visit the Agent at the Sault de St Marie — we hear of him but his promises keep us in the woods & are lost —

Tuesday 13th Sept 1831 —

Naudin and a detachment of Chippeways from Rum River arrived at the Agency this day — Flat mouth & Cheonoyuctte Chiefs Still at their Camps —

Mr Morin Paid $100 — to men who worked on C House

Wednesday 14th

I have agreed to pay all such men as may have been left out of Davis' Roster —
$20 — will be Sufficient —

Sept Sp private $8.50 — 2850 paid

Saturday 17th

Communications received from Capt Loomis in the absence of Col Morgan relative to the Steps which the Government has directed to be taken in the case of the Murder of 28 — Menomonies by the Fox Indians & Some Sauks on the 31st July 1831 — leaveing me to infer therefrom the Course which is to give Satisfaction to the Sioux of the Plains for the loss of Two of their people by the Sac Indians in July last —

News that Maj Biddle of the Army, and S Pettis of Congress U S — fell both in Duel in August last past — 5 paces. —

1831

July 26 = 2 Sioux of Wahpaa Kootas —
" 31 = 28 Menomonies at Prairie du Chien
30 Indians killed this year by the Fox, & Sac Pets, and Still they are hunting & roaming on the plains for more Victims — There are the people who think us old women and are treating us as such — too tardy are we in making an example of these pests —

Sunday Sept 18th 1831

Messrs Dallam, Brisbois & J. R. Brown arrived from Prairie du Chiens — Through by Land —
Mr A. Bally returned this day from his trip to Louis —
Louis Demaieas also, who is employed by Mr Marsh in the Trade —

Monday 19th

Received a letter by Mr Bally from the Supt of Indian Affairs at Louis — relative to my Course in permiting — The Men employed by A Bally & Co. to enter the Indian Country — Claimed by the Chippeways —

Wednesday 21st

Capt Jouette left for Prairie du Chiens — Alex Culbertson with Sir Steam Boat Winabago expected — Water permiting —

Thursday 22d —

Horace sent to Lt Greenough on account of Capt Jouette Weather bad for some days — Influenza prevalent this year not only among the Indians — but has extended to the Troops & Citizens of the Post —

Sunday 25 Sept 1831 —

Express — Mail from Prairie du Chiens — arrived Letter from Genl. Clark Relative to the Receipt of my Acct for the Qr. Ending June 30 — 1831 —
The 2d Comptrolles forms ~~not~~ misconstrued by me — In this that The Current Expenses of the Agency should be Kept in distinct Abstracts from Annuities &c

James Kennerly Esq — Letter from him on public business — Bills of parcels forwarded
Mr Payne — Public on Same Subject — as to purchases on a/c of Agricultural implements — Smithy Tools &c —

28th

Closed several accounts — this day — One for Coal With J Fresch — No Steam Boat as yet and no certain tidings of one —
Indians generally with their families in quest of wild Rice —

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Mr Cooper called to say he had some Cattle - for the agency Horses &c - which have been written for in October last Mr Peebles delivered his Contract for 1835 - for the Troops and after a minute inspection of all the Articles

Letter to May J B Brant - with Invoice of Goods accts for Presents for 1835 - & for Sioux & Chippewa Lines

Letter to Gen Williams Clerk relating the concerns of this Agency - Gen Johnson - Sac & Sioux Lines — and differences between Northern Sioux and Chippeways - respecting the propriety of there being a Sub Agency for the Chippeways - on the Mississippi

Col Taylor U S A. a letter to him as to the propriety of the lower bands of Sioux property of selling the Smiths tools to them provided to this Agency —

Boyd Garvie - $13 - paid him for remaining one Month and two days at Smiths Shop Keeping Hills $13 in charge of the property of the Indians —

Eseetah Kenbah Chief said

My Father —

I have a word to say - I have followed you a great distance into your nation - and you know what kind of a man I am - & you know whether I have listened to your words they have been to me good & words of truth and I am pleased —

My Father - I have since we met last been with my people to see the Nations on the Missouri - the Iowas - Mahas Otoes, Missouris, Yanctons - Sepetons - Arrees & others - I felt ashamed among them. I had no coat but this blanket on & had no Marks of a Chief - I dont know what is the reason but all the Nations I saw

seemed to better off than us - they were well clothed and have a plenty of every thing - our people the Medawakanton the Sepetons Wahpetons & Wahpekoo Sioux are always starving - and it seems the other Nations must better Greater favorites with your Nation than we are —

My Father - I now see we listen to your Counsels as well and better than them People - yet we are worse off than any of them -

I complained why most of the Nations attended & were better off - than poor large Companies paid for their dances - & other because of [redacted] Hole in the Day —

The Chief arrived with a detachment of Sandy Lake & Crow Island Chippeways - and reports Seven or Eight of his people Killed 5 Sioux & 3 Missing - Killed by the Wahpetons Sioux of Lac qui parle — 1 Sioux Killed - The Chippeways were Killed on Seven Pronge Creek a day March from Otter Tail River. —

Some Sepetons & Medawa Sioux were present in Council when these reports were Made - these acts took place the last March or 1st of April — The facts have been stated to the Debt this day & to Joel Gaines. —

Eseetah Kenbah - Sepeton Chief -

I heard of a War party of our people from Big Stone Lake - perhaps the 3 Chippeways missing have been cut off by them —

The Chippeways & Sioux here held a long and interesting Talk as to the two Nations - My Interpreter being well versed in both Languages - was the Organ of Communication between them

25 lbs Powder, 50 lbs Lead, 50 lbs Tobacco, 2 Pieces Ribbon, 1 doz Flints } to Sepetons

Tuesday June 2d 1835

Mr Clemmens who is with the public Cattle from Missouri - Reports

I laid my Rifle Gun down on the other side of the Stetus yesterday but a few minutes to head the cattle from running on each other when an Indian Stole my Gun. —

Again the day before my Saddle Blanket & even Stirrups were taken from my Spanish Saddle —

I conv[illegible] some of the Sioux & stated the loss - Mr Campbell is interested with the means in train to find the Cattle lost —

This is the first time in 16 years that such an occurrence as this has been reported. —

Departure

The Sapeton Sioux under Esetah Kentah their Chief leave for their homes - to return again in 15 days - they were much disappointed at not receiving their Annuities this trip as has been Customary. —

They talked as I afterwards learnt that they would not be here on the 15th but would go out on the plains, join the Wahpaakoota Sioux and See where their enemies were — Meaning war —

I sent after the Chief a Messenger and told him to say from me to the Sleepy Eyes - that if he & his people were not here on the 15th of this month that they would not receive their payment or portion of the Annuity this year —

The Chippeways

The Hole in the day or Pu in a ne gi — of Sandy Lake & 5 others a Deputation from the Several Villages on the upper Mississippi - called on the Agent

Remarks of the Chippeways

Pu in a ne gi - or Hole in the Day —

My Father - As you are done speaking I wish to tell you what brought us down here, we did not come of own accord. we come from the Chiefs & head men of our nation above

My Father you have known me long and how I have been treated at this place and yet I have not revenged its - You were well acquainted with my Brother in law (Kend osa) when he was alive he listened to you -

My Father I have listened to your talk & have been thinking the same thing - our lines ought to be run in peace as it has been a long time since the Treaty of Prairie du Chien but our peoples hearts are sore & dont know but what they will go to war

My Father I shall not forget to repeat all your words as it is a good thing to have our lands marked off - I used to be able to do much good in keeping the peace & you know it - but all the Chiefs Coats - Flags & Medals you gave me have been given away to keep the foolish part of our people quiet

My Father If I am in mourning this day it is not the fault of your Children near you - I look upon them as my relations It is on account of the Sioux above at Lac qui parle. —

My Father - Last Spring I was here - I had a long talk with the Wahpeeton Sioux & gave them Powder lead, and tobacco to agree to let us hunt with them this

Last winter and Spring - but we did hunt together in quiet all winter - when we killed meat we divided with them - when this Spring our people had left to return home and we were few in number - the Sioux and killed us - I do not think this was Indian work alone - but ever since Mr Renville has been at Lac qui parle - his relations alone have done us injury -

My Father I think it hard to be thus killed and for us to have no revenge for it we are a good distance off - but when any thing happens to us we look to you for redress - we are now like people running against a tree - and we dont know which way to go, and I think we cannot keep our people back. -

My Father - If it was only our fire place that has been injured - we might do something - but Six have suffered they will go against Renvilles place for the Chippeways all think that it is through his means the Sioux now strike us so often - it did not use to be so -

My Father - we have delivered the words of our people. they are from all the Chiefs & head men above - we have done what we were sent here to do and have nothing more to say -

Indian Agent to the Deputation

Pu.in.na.ne.ge & followers -

My Friends - I am sorry to see you here at any time, but more particularly on so mournful a mission A division of this agency from that of the Sault de St Marie took place in 1827 - after having your ears & confidence for near 9 years - and it appears I am still to have trouble with the affairs of your nation - It is true I have as you whole nation have said - done much good in having peace kept between you & the Sioux -

My Friends - I need not assure you at this time that I have always taken as lively an interest in the happiness & prosperity of your people as well as the Sioux It was my duty to do for you & the Sioux what has been done. I could not in my heart do therewith. -

My friends - I feel sincerely for the loss of your people and you now call on me by request of the Chiefs and head men of Six villages for redress for the murder of your people - you know last year when you met the Wahpeton Sioux at this place - you make an arrangement by giving Powder Lead & Tobacco to agree to let you hunt the last winter & Spring on their lands - This treaty you made at the Traders House on the other side of the River St Peters - and then called to know my opinion as to what you had done -

I at once told you not to put any confidence in what the Sioux said - and my advice was for you not to trust to men who had so often deceived But it appears you went your own way - and what I anticipated has surely occurred and you are now in mourning. -

My Friends - After some years of delay we have started our Surveyor to mark off the lands in dispute that each might know his own lands

and so hunt in peace upon them — and I was in hopes that this line would be run in peace, & that we should not be compelled to track the blood of your people on that line — I know your hearts well — they are good and I must have your assistance in seeing that our people are not put to trouble on the line —

My Friends — I have reported to your great Father all that happened this Spring & Maj Bliss the Comdg Officer here has done the same — we are correctly informed of the whole transaction by a friend at Yellow Lake — he states nearly what you have repeated except that your people did not suffer so much you say Eight killed & missing — the report I have says 3. Chips & 1. Sioux killed — but as you were the last to leave the hunting grounds — no doubt you are correct — I have proposed to your great Father the necessity of giving you an Agent at Crow Island after your lines have been marked — and I wish you make my words known to all my friends at all the Villages above — and I rely on you to do all you can to keep things quiet until we see what our Great Father the President will do for your nation — I know it is hard for you to set still after what has happened — but if your nation does listen at this time it will more than ever evince to all nations their forbearence & goodness of heart.

I have to ask you here my friends to look to the necessity of running the line through which has been lately begun — I will give you the means of hunting & something to keep off the Musquetoes untill — the Surveyor reaches your country, and at the same time to do some good for both nations —

A list of Artecles furnished the Hole in the Day & one other man — to pay attention to & accompany the Surveyor on his reaching the Miss above Sauk Rin

1/2 piece of Calico	50 lbs of Tobacco
2 1/2 yards Scarlet	12 1/2 lbs Powder
1. lb Vermillion	16 lbs of Lead
100 gun flints	1/2 doz Glasses
3 Knives Scalping	4 B Silk Kerchefs
1. 2 1/2 fr NW Blanket	2 Tin pans

To be charged to appropriation for S & C Line Treaty of Prairie du Chiens of August 19. 1825 —

Wednesday June 3d 1835

J. Renville & Mr H Moores arrived from Lac qui Parle & Big Stone — Returns of Furs — The Sapetons — North — 1. Wahpeton in all 12 men from Lac qui parle also arrived —

The Fire chief of — Shacopes Village — returned from his visit to Lac qui parle of last fall —

My Father — I left here last fall on the invitation of the Traders to go up to Lac qui parle when I have passed the Winter. I have returned and am pleased to find you in your house — the Indians are Starving all along our road as we came down and we have been in the same condition —

I began at once without any ceremony (some Chippeways present) to catalkee the Sioux just arrived about the attack of the Sioux of their place upon the Chippeways on the 1st of April last & spoke Ruby & Sincerely to them. I was requested to wait for an answer one day —

Thursday June 4th 1835

Patrick Cooper brought in an a/c against the Sioux for one Rifle gun & one opt Moc mac Blanket & filed the Same as his Claim for $14.50 Sworn to.

Mr Rewelle appeared this day as the Chippeways wanted to see him — In Council

Hole in the Day Said to him —

My friend — My Father here knows me & knows that I never hide any thing that I do What I shall now say to you is in the presence of the great Spirit —

= What I have reported to our Father here of What has happened to our people is true

Your relations cause all the difficulty — last year at this place at the Traders House the other Side of the River — we counceled with the Wahpeton your people and they agreed to let us hunt with them — I gave them Powder Lead &c for the prevalidge and you & your brother agreed to it — & then come & Killed us.

Mr Rewelle replied & Said that the Sussetons of Lake Traverse commenced the difficulty by Killing One of the Chippeways — on the 14th of April and the Chippeways Killed a Sioux on the 15th next day then on the 22d the people of his place who had not returned home Killed 3 Chippeways in revenge — One of the Sioux Killed was married to a Chippeway woman & had a family at his place — & to prevent this family from being murderd after the death of the Husband he Mr Rewelle made his relations take her the Chip woman & family back to her nation — this was after the Sioux had attacked the Ledges. & Killed 3. Chippeways Instead of my encouraging the Sioux to war — it is well known that I have caused Sioux to be Shot for breaking the peace, & their guns broken — because my

would be ruined by a war between these people or your nation & ours — I lost much this Spring by what has happened —

Kau Kau Kas Son a Chippeway Said Addressing his remarks for Mr Rewelles ear —

My friends —

I have but a few words to say — I have listened attentively to all that has been Said — and I think but one way — I tell you — let us give up man for man, woman for woman — If we Kill the Sioux — take our people — if the Sioux Kill us — give them up — this is the only way to Stop the Spilling of blood — you can never keep the peace & only you adopt this plan —

I want 3. of your people to be delivered up & punished this is the only way to Stop the war and Satisfy us. —

Last year at this place you & your people said you would not be hard with your lands and we gave the Wahpeton Sioux for their consent to let us hunt with them the last winter & this Spring — Powder Lead and tobacco — they agreed to it & we went and after passing the winter together & part of the Spring your relations came upon us & Killed us. —

Standing Bulls Son & 1st Pastisan of the Sioux of Lac qui Parle & Bigstone &c Said

My Father — I wanted to see you & now see you this day I came to tell you of what has happened — it would have been better for the Chippeways to have Kept on their own Lands — I am a Soldier & am able to do & to quiet all disturbances — I have done it often — I have broken the Guns of my people & more than this to keep peace —

= I claim as my Father did — from Pine Lake to the Cut Nose & from there to the Laprelle — and If people come on their lands to hunt I will do

the work of a Soldier with them — Some of our people from Lac Traverse did a bad thing we have some foolish people among us that sometimes slip off & do wrong — was is not the sentiment of our nation we want peace — we can never have it until each one stays on his own land. —

This Sussetan then addressed the Chippeways Hole in the Day the Chippeway Chief replied

You speak of your lands when I was here last spring in your presence (alluding to Mr Renville) and your brother in laws you said you would not be hard with your lands — I gave Powder lead & Tobacco & other things to let us hunt and you agreed that we might hunt in common with the Wahpeton Sioux — and we went and this spring you killed us — If we think hard of you it is because it is your relations who gave us permission and then when there were few of us left with them this spring — they came & murdered us — If it was only one fire that had suffered we might arrange the matter — but it is in many places — we can do nothing —

I have lands to claim too from Sandy Lake to Sauk River & then to Crow Wing River — my Brother in law when he was alive enjoyed these lands and I am now upon them. —

The Agent to Both tribes in Council —

My friends & Children

You have both spoken of your lands and seem wide of the mark — I hold the Treaty in my hand which you all made at Prairie du Chiens in 1825 — and some present as well as your old chiefs put their names to it and buried the War Clubs in the ashes, & pronounced it a good work —

You both have long wanted the lands more plainly marked out now your great Father has listened to your words & his young men have commenced the good work — and he has ordered that your lines be run as agreed upon by all you chiefs & head men at the great Council held at Prairie du Chiens —

This will be faithfully done, and as your old & firm friend I council you both to observe it or you will be made to do it — your Great Father expects no opposition in doing his duty nor will he suffer any — I know him, and know his views — he will be kind to you & befriend you as far as the remoteness of your tribes will permit — but if you interrupt his kind intentions & good work — you will meet in your road a darker cloud than you have ever yet seen. —

The Sioux have done wrong, and deserve to be punished for permitting you to be killed after your arrangement of last Spring — but you know Chippeways that you made this arrangement over the River at the House of a Trader without my being Present — you informed me of it, & then asked my Council — & you cant forget my words — I told you that it was possible they might keep their promise but advised you not to trust to the good faith of these very Indians — whom you now complain

You Know they had been on the Mississippi often after you & but a short time before & yet you felt willing to hunt to them woods But I am happy that I Knew better & so fully warned you to be careful that before the Spring they might or would Rob Some of your people & so it has happened — I tell you then things him in presence of the Traders from above and below both Nations — I shall Speak to your Great Father all that has taken place between you both family for his consideration, and what ever he directs shall be done —

The Chippeways have spoken truly as to the best mode of Closing the war it suits my views any if the Sioux now present feel the Same disposition then we shall have peace.

Man for man — a woman for a woman & horse for each Nation Surrender the guilty for ones & then we may have as firm a peace — as for off as we have been between all the lower tribes of Sioux & lower tribes of Chippeways —

Some of you may not like this mode but be cautious it may come upon you when you least expect it — Peace we must & will have If we have to take a hand along with you —

Sioux — by the bad conduct of your people above you have endangered the life of yr friend Mr. Renville — you hear the Chippeways — they are not men to hide any thing — they Speak freely and tell all they wish to do — that they heard & what they Know — you will compel us to Stop this war if you keep on — you will indeed my Nation as well as the Chippeways to be Suspicious of him

My friends —

I have lost not a word that has fallen from any of you this day — You are in the road to ruin — you are again acting like a blind man walking into the fire — Stop, and think before you go too far. you may have to call upon my name when I cannot help you —

I now let you all Know we have commenced Marking off your lands — before this is done try and heal all your differences — try & make peace before we are compelled to help you — we do not want to cut your blankets — my Nation is not so disposed but be cautious in all that you do, for the eyes of my Nation are upon you. —

(I was asked this Question by a gallant Officer "Maj I do not wish to be chastened — But I would that your words have such force with Indians")

Friday June 5th

Settled the affair with the Little Crows band & the Sioux upon their application as Mediator — for the women taken from the Village of the former — There in — 25 plugs Tob. 1 3pt Blanket 9 pund 16 R Pork 16 lbs flour — to Settle difficulties between Lac qui parle — Recorded in Book B. —

I went to work on Council House to make fixtures myself to Store goods — Saw $40 for Plank — No person to assist —

A letter Recd from Rolette — relative to Ahs Key Lizzie

A letter from J Renville — Lower Chippewas and Reports as to him

A letter in reply was addressed to both these gentlemen

Mr Pond — called to Report progress at Lake Calhoun —

Doct Williamson called to ask the advantages & propriety of making a location (Mission) at Lac qui Parle

I recommended the measure to him for Several good reasons — Gave out of my private Store — about 200 lbs of Pork & flour — to Starving Indians —

Saturday June 6th 1835

High Winds & Considerable Rain this day

To 1.3 pt Blanket Pine Bend Band Dr
3½ yds Ribbon } Cover the dead body
1. paper Vermilion } of his Brother in Law

Letter to James Wells - at Little Rapids. directed to Return
43. Traps or not be permitted to trade —

After the various difficulties which have & are still occurring in the Sioux & Chippeway line & occasional Suspicions as to the past Mr Joseph Rainville was acting or had been acting - I proposed to us we had no Sub Agent to Locate the Rev. Mr Williamson & his family & also Mr Huggins as Aquaillurist with his family at Lac que parle - For this purpose I invited Mr Renville to dine with me - and after detailing to him the advantages which would result to him & his large family from have such a valuable acquisition as Doct Williamson & his family - he readily Consented & he offered his protection, and every facility in his power if they would go. —

Mr Scott Campbell the Interpreter remarked to me this evening that there was Considerable excitement among two Villages of the Sioux in consequence of the improper conduct of Joseph Renville Jr & young Louis Lablanc

Report - The Son of the walking Cloud had to give up the all thors of the affray - He said I cannot be blamed I am compelled to tell the truth - I was paid to keep the secret but since my life is threatened - It was young Renville & Lablanc who went to the lodges, & abused the Son of the Two faces they first asked the young man if he was related to the Big thunder - on answering that according to the Indian connection - the Big thunder was his

Brother - upon this these two fellows (half breeds & for the occasion dressed like Indians) fell upon him & beat him Severely - One of these rascals struck the young man with a lance war club, & wounded him Severely in the arm.

The friends a numerous party of the injured man passed over the River this evening to obtain Satisfaction in a mild manner for the injury & insult - when if not granted they informed the Interpreter that they would then apply personally to their Agent on tomorrow. —

Sunday June 7th 1835

Allotment for 1835

For Presents to Indians $600 - Transportation included
" Stationary & Postage 50 —
Contingencies - for labour 150. { funerals &c &c - recovery of horses -
Interpreter for the tribes of Sioux 300 }
Occasional Intercourse — 150 } with Chippeway tribes
Amount $1250 —

Wah nac Soutoh & party of the Little Band of the Wahpeton Sioux — Presented Tobacco &c &c —

Kockomoko. Marcpee wachostah - & 12 lodges of Lake Calhoun Sioux arrived & pitched their Lodges on on the Bank of the St Peters below the Council House to subsist for a few days upon the ground Potatoe

Mr Rolette called at the Office & made all necessary statements as regards the Whiskey Sized - that no suits should stand against us & that the his company was responsible & would make their words good - any suits brought by A Bailly on account of the property of the Cur Fur Co could not nor should not stand all damages to be made good —

Monday 8th June 1835

The Chiefs of Lieux

Maj Bliss consulted some of these people at the Office - as to their line - information deemed requisite so that Provisions transportation &c may be furnished at different Points in the Country along the line between Lake & Chippewas as far as other tail lake for Troops & Surveyor. -

Joseph Renville Jr. called to explain his conduct as to the frolic at the Lodges - & I gave him to understand that such conduct was not nor would not be tolerated - I told him to explain to the Indians He did so & the matter settled as far as he was concerned

I purchased this day 250 fish Hooks)
Lost ——— 15 small lines) from A S Mirel
(2 lbs shad twine)

Six axes Square to be made & returned in place of the crown articles ——. —— Smith set to work —

The Supposed Lieux of Lacs que parle & Lac Travers questioned also as to that part of the Country along their line which runs from Shell or leaf River (rather Lake) to the Other tail Lake Portage down the thro the middle of Said other tail Lake to Red River 20

A letter received this evening from Wells James by an Indian from Little Rapids. -

Who says he received my letter & would attend at my Office as soon as possible —

This letter was about 43 Traps which was reported to have been taken by said Wells last winter belonging in part to Indians - the Am Fur Cpy & to R. F. Baker —

Steam Boat Warrior expected

Tuesday June 9th

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Violent rain & wind - we have had more or less such weather for four days. — this may have retarded the movements of the expected Steam Boat —

The Indians begin to be very restless about their Annuities As many of them are starving —

Mr Rotelle called at the Agency Office

Mr Sibley also An indemnifying Bond given in the Penal Sum of 2000 - that I should not sustain loss in any suit that might be brought for the Seizure of the Six Barrels of Whiskey in the hands of Alexis Bailly at or near Oliverpond on or about the 22d day of July 1834 —

I am at liberty to prosecute for the Whiskey and to bring suit against Alexis Bailly for introducing or attempting to introduce Whiskey into the Indian Country in July 1834 —

Mr Sibley called to enquire what had been done in the case of Wells - who stands accused of having taken improperly 28 Traps of the Am Fur Cpy - 3 of the Indn Dept & others of Mr Baker. —

He was informed & shewn letters to Wells & his reply He would soon be at the Post to answer the Charges. —

I was requested to send for Corpl Budges - he came

Question — Do you know any thing of Wells's trade with Odle at the Saw Mill for 43 Traps - & what was their understanding - State what you know —

Ans: I know nothing of the matter of my own knowledge further than what I have heard the men say - the transaction was apparently no secret and I believe I have heard both Wells & Odle speak of the transaction — Some of the men know perhaps as to the price stipulated to be given

for the Traps - and from Wells's conversation I should suppose that he had gotten the Traps

Postponed until 9 Oclk tomorrow

For a soldier now at the Falls - summoned —

Mr Sibley - asked how I viewed the reserve at this Post

Answer - Here is the Law of June 30 1834 —

My opinion this reservation at Peters is nothing more than a perpetual lease under the Convention with Pike - the Treaty of 1825 (August) at Prairie du Chiens confirms it

It is taken and deemed to be the Indian Country in my view of the case - by the act of the 30th June 1834 - as before stated. —

10th Art Treaty of Pau Chien 1825

Question

2d The view taken of Colleding Credits in certain cases - such as when sent for by Indians to take their furs - & at their request taking a proportion of Ammunition Knives - flints &c

Ans - It is well known to those acquainted with Indians or the trade - that Indians are lazy in producing their furs, particularly when the distance is remote from the Traders Houses - & will very often come in or send word that such an amount of furs will be given if their Trader will send for them & at the same time bring a small supply of ammunition &c —

I place a just construction on the intentions of the law in such cases. - my decision is well known

Ques 3d - Relative to Searching our Boats under the law &c &c &c —

Ans - Your word on honor Mr Sibley that the law shall not be violated by the Introduction of prohibited articles

and you may rest assured of never having a visit from me or by my authority —

The Law says if we have reason to suspect - or that information be lodged with certain officers of government - that any trader is introducing ardent spirits or wine into the Country - we shall cause &c &c

If no authentic report be made & we have no reason to suspect the law to be violated of course you will not be unnecessarily troubled by the authorities of this Post. — I shall rely on your word from my knowledge of your Character. —

Mr Sibleys Request

I should be pleased at all times - that you will communicate with me in case of any Reports of our people or when you may hear of any improper proceedings at any time in the Country &c &c —

Ans:

I shall certainly do so - and I am happy in knowing that you will receive all communications of mine in the spirit in which they will be meant and also that they will not be treated as in the days of your predecessor. —

Note

I took occasion to shew Mr S. a list of all the Indians who had received Traps of me since last September - with the names of those from whom they received Credits - as Mr Roberts had said that he was told - by — that I had given the Traps mostly to the Creditors of Messrs Baker & Mira which went to prove the falsity of the charge as well as the malice of such a frivolous accusation. —

I am too sensible of the wiles & artifices of my enemies & therefore keep a Journal

Wednesday June 10th 1835

Joseph Massee - paid his for enclosing Agency Houses with rails &c	28.50
Joseph Raesh for ditto	15.00
James Thompson for Office furniture	5.00
Joseph Thuckmorton for Plank furnished	4.00
J B Raymond 25 cords of wood - cut for Agency	18.75
Joseph Raesh 30 cords do do	22.50
Benj F Baker 35 cords do do	24.25
	$117.00

Out of this one third has to be applied to public purposes and yet I have to bear this expense without remuneration

1. Box of Glass for the Agency Houses bought of A S Miller
The windows not being repaired since the Hail Storm $.

A. S. Miller paid 6 axes Square for the Hooks & lines furnished the various Indian families by requests

Express from Col Taylor Letters for an Escort to accompany Maj Jno L Bean Surveyor arrived this day

Warrior Steam Boat returned from the Prairie to St Louis on the 1st inst for Stores for this Post so writes Mr Baker - & also that Colonel Stambaugh has been appointed Sutler for this Post - we do not now look for our Supplies by the Warrior until the 17th of this month - too late for the Indians now in waiting & in great want of food There is much complaining & I am sorry for it and the more because it is beyond my reach to remedy the delays of payment under Treaty Stipulations - at the proper season to meet the urgent necessities of the Indians & to enable them to go off for the summer (after planting season) June 1st to hunt & subsist their large families.

Tah Saujah Chief and Wahpaakoota Sioux from Cannon River and the Desmoines &c on the plains arrived at this Agency this evening in quest of Annuities

The Big Walker a Sussiton head man & his people also - and in quest of their Annuities.

Thursday June 11th

Maj J Bliss at the Agency Office - he called to make some enquiries of the Indians about portions of the country on the boundary line between the Sioux & Chippeways and to ascertain from their remarks - the practicability of making depots of Provisions for his Escort of Troops to be furnished Maj J L Bean the Surveyor of Sd Line

The Maj & myself then touched upon various points on the mode of government best suited to the Indian tribes so as to expand & effectuate, and energetic one.

I had for some time past attempted to establish separate interests with different tribes of the same nation and have succeeded with many of the Bands - and in time effect a general peace in this way.

The Wahpaakoota Chief & his people 80 in No at the Agency this day

Buffaloe dance by them & the Sussitons & others

Question to Little

Do you know anything of the traps left at the Mill last winter by some Indians - and if Wells got them of Odle or any other person

Answer - I never heard of any bargain about traps between Odle & Wells - Wells was at the Mills several times - the last time he came the traps which Vosil said he had in charge were gone - I knew nothing of the matter further - as it did not concern me

I paid no attention further than that the traps which had been there were taken away sd by 4 Indians.

I wrote a Letter to Mr Henry H Sibley for Tah sauga Chief of the Wahpaa Kootas Sioux - requesting him to see if the claim of this man would be just for a Horse in place of his ox - which died in the Service of the Company the past winter - And in the hands of Alex^r Farribault -

Tahsaugah Said

My Father. From a Boy I have listened to your Counsils and I have done my best to keep at peace with my neighbours - but it seems that the Sacs & Foxes will still listen to no one - their ears are not open to the good & wise Councils of your Nation - for they laugh at you -

My Father last winter one of the Suspetons hunting with us was killed & so it seems every year I have to count one two three or five perhaps 15th of my people killed -

My Father. I came here (& you know we live a long way off) to receive our Annuities as usual with Sixty or more of my people - but it seems we have to return as we came empty handed

My Father what are we to do I feel lonesome this day If we stay here our families left behind must Starve and if we return without Ammunition to so great a distance - we shall all fall together - It will be a long time before we can come here to see you again - therefore take pity on us & if you have a lot of Powder & Lead left let us have it - for we are in great distress of mind when we look upon our Children - We wish you had brought up our Goods as heretofore it is but a little & we dont see why it is so long on the way - we hope you will do some good for us at this time

Messrs Libley - Roliter, & Bailly called at the Office this evening - relative to the Wells affair -

Ohpeetoh Keeah - who shot Jacobs ox - had been sent for the Indians to whom Wells had delivered the traps in dispute -

Mr Campbell States that Mr Wells is expected to reach this Post On tomorrow an Indian so reported this afternoon

Mr The Grey Iron, Whistling wind, Wah zee o munne &c are or have recently been invited to Prairie du Chiens for the purpose of giving them Whiskey - they belong to large & influential families - hence the desire to bribe them so as to secure the connection as hunters - these facts cannot be hidden - they will come to light -

Present to Wahpaa Kootas

25 pds of Powder	6 Glasses	1. pound Vermilion
50 pds Lead	6 Kings	2 Tin Kettles
100 [illegible] Flints	2 Shirts	1/4 Thread

Friday June 12

Sir,

Agency House St Peters
June 12th 1835

The Sioux of this Agency have been since the 3^d of this month coming in for the purpose of receiving their Annuity under the 4th art of the treaty of Prairie du Chiens of 1825 July 15 - and not finding us prepared have left, and are leaving for the plains again in a destitute condition - Messengers were sent at an early day to the remote tribes - but [illegible] in some instances did not reach - before some of bands were on their way here in quest of their goods, expecting to receive them as at the former periods of payment - which has heretofore enabled them to proceed with their summer hunts - It is now uncertain as to where we shall pay the Wahpaakoota Sioux

The Lapetaws of Lac Traverse
Wah pe tons of Leac qui parle
In council — The matter talked as to them making overtures for Peace with the Chippeways & unalla to do so. Then a Sioux Deputation to meet a similar one from the Chips at this Red early in August — A Flag given to meet in Council with —

Present

5 yrs Brass Kettles
5 yards Scarlet Cloth
50 lbs Lead
25 lbs Powder
1 doz Horn combs
1 pr. 2½ pt Blankets
1 pr. 1½ pt do
1 Large Tin Kettle
1 Frying pan

2 1 doz Knives & Forks
3 1 doz Scissors
100 gun flints
1 ℔ of Vermilion
1 yd Ribbon
15 yds calico
3 Calico Shirts
3 axes
1/4 lb Thread
12 moccasin awls

Issued 16 Rats Pork 16 do flour
These Indians then left for their encampment

Talk with the Chief of the Wahpaakotay & his people 62 in number came, and spoke of his lands & the certainty of the appearance of the Sacs & Foxes in their Country & said

My Father — I wish you to write to the Red Head our Father below & ask him to cause the Sacs to kill game on their own lands — this Summer we expect from what we hear that they & the Foxes will have but few Horses to follow the Buffalo they will strike as they have done for 16 years back. 254 of our people on the Des moines have fell in that time by their hands

I pass this day as I was about Leaving you for some time to let you know this once at the same time as you know the

wishes & the counsel of my brother since the days of my Father (Wah ma dee wah kah Kah pa) whatever may happen will not proceed from us. we are now too few, & are afraid to incite our enemies — they know our weakness on the plains & this makes them bold to kill my brother. —

As I expect to meet Col Kearney in July near our lines he will see & know all — I hope his young men will befriend us, & I wish a letter to him from you to show that he may know who I am & to

Give him a paper accordingly —

Issued to his people 62 R Pork 62 lbs of flour

James Wells called to answer to my letter of the 6th of June and after some conversation — he agreed to same any further misbehaviour or allegation upon the charge against him to be to his heavenly father or bought of Dells as the Mill 43. Robs — & make

Report to the parties concerned — the full No of said traps without unnecessary loss of time. —

Wrote a letter to Genl Williams Clark on the affairs of this Agency — S & C lines — wrote ● —

Saturday 13th June

Wah nac son toh
Moosomonee — 3 Wahpeton Chiefs of Little Rapid
with 45 men 7 women 2 children
Arrived this evening —

Broken Arm — Head of Boirs [illegible] Village & eight or 10 men arrived also in Company —

Issued or Returned for 37 Rats Pork — 59 lbs flour for all.

To the Council on tomorrow at 9½ A Clk —

The foregoing People appeared with the New Flag. lately given to Wah nac son toh This Chief never Speaks in Council but generally causes Moosomonee — who is full of wind to address the Agent for him & his people — " —

Vide Letter Bottom of Circle
as 9 P.M. Houses very much crowded
Steam work Carpenters Blacksmiths

Sunday June 14th 1835

Wah nac son toh } Chiefs with 54 of the Wahpeton Sioux
Mooseomonah }
Broken Arm Head man & 15 only of his Bois franc Indians.

Appeared & requested a Council —

Mooemonah the Speaker Rose & Said

My Father — We wish if you have no objection — that the Chief of the Soldiers (Maj Bliss) should be invited to attend I then address a note of invitation to Maj B — communicating the request of the Chiefs — and inviting him to join in this days Council — (Note by Frenchman)

The Major had gone to the Falls of St Anthony a few minutes before my Note reached the Fort —

Mooseomonah then Said —

My Father — when you are with us we are sure to see a fine day — but when absent we are with our Ears in any direction and we go any where but in the right place — we are pleased see you this day & sit face to face — You have some news for us as you have been to see our Great Father — we hope he has not forgotten us. —

My Father — You see before you men who have listened to your Councils — we wish always to remain in one place & listen to your words — we want or lands ploughed as others are getting theirs — we want for our women a Corn Mill as our women find it hard to beat their corn after our fashion — when we were at the Treaty in 1830 we were promised Money & other things but we do not get them.

My Father — our Soldiers now before you are without marks of authority from you — you have however given them a flag this puts them in heart to do some good — but this Chief (has no Medal Wahnacsontoh) I speak not for myself it is for him — as he wishes you to think of him & his people & give them some

thing to give them power to do good. —

We are pleased to hear that our lands are to be marked off — now we shall know our own & the Chippeways will know theirs, & there will be no more intrusions on either side — or excuses made for hunting on our lands because they dont know where the line is

My Father — We have been invited to go down — not to the Prairie but as far as Wakishas Village where we are to get whiskey — we wish if you do not let the Traders bring it themselves. that you will not interfere with the Indians when they have it and wish to pass — but let them pass quietly. —

At Prairie du Chiens it is like water & all get it there then why deprive us of this privalege — It seems to us that all this comes from you & not from our great Father — I wanted the Comdg officer here to day that I might say these things to him too that he might hear me —

Remarks of the Agent — (an interruption)

My Friends & Children — I represent your Great Father here, and shall do no more than obey his orders — I have no ears no has he to listen to talks about Whiskey — this is Childish & we are no Children. —

Your Traders had for years given you whiskey, and what was the result — murder & robbery every years — You killed the best men of your Nation — & often murdered our people & attacked even our boats on the River — which brought those who committed the act into trouble — when are some of our best Chiefs, & Beaves — whom you once knew under the Ground & how — by whiskey which they got of their Traders — I tell you now & again that should any more whiskey come here either by your own people or your Traders — & I can find it out your people shall be punished — & the Traders sent

Sent out of the Country - and not permitted to trade —
This has been done with Some already, and will be done
with others. I will change all your old traders here what
I will have none who will neither give or procure
Whiskey to their Customers —
I will give any Indian who will bring the Whiskey
of any other Indian or any trader which he may find
in the Country to me, or evidence that he has destroyed
the Same by breaking the Kegs or Bottles & discharging
the Whiskey upon the ground. —

Here the Chief begged that I would
let them off for that heart of his. Speech &
Mooseomouth again began

My Father - I was sorry I said any thing about
Whiskey. We agree it is a bad thing & causes all the
Mischief — What you said about the Traders is true
we shall let them keep their own Cattle - we know
it is best for us to have two Traders. for them You
Tells us hope we can go to another — we also like
our trader (Mr Forrebaugh) that we dont wish him
to raise Corn on our Grounds - that he should cultivate
on his own place & then return to us in the Fall. —
We wish to be quiet as I said before & remain
hereafter in our Spot to raise Corn & support our
Families — we came down to See you sooner than
we expected from what we heard that there
was nothing in your hands & there the S Boat
had not arrived but our young men had
not seen you for a long time, & therefore on
coming down as soon. — I hope you will
Give us some of your provisions - & a little
Ammunition & Tobacco - we shall then go South
and try and support our families ——

Report of Mr Campbell Interpreter — 90

The old Chief Wabeshas - has sent up 2 young men
Nesquys with 3 Rolls of Tobacco inviting all the Indians
the principle men particularly to go down to his Village
in Eight days -
= Then to go down to Peans on Clears to Meet Genl Clark with
the Sacs & Foxes to make peace with them, & that the Sacs
& Foxes are to bring up 30 horses for this purpose. Lead

After Council enter the Interpreter here
A full Deputation of the Sacs Foxes & Sioux appeared
& came in to the Council House - & wished to Speak —

Spoke	Present	Silent
1 Wah ma de tun kah	3	Nunosquaniah
2 Wah Ke au tun kah	3	* Macopee wee chastah
* 3 Bad Hair	3	Kockomucko
* 4 Eagle Head	3	* Jah chunk Washtaa
* 5 Naugah	3	* Three Matches were drawn and in addition the Indians of Several villages —
* 6 Monemonch	3	+ The wheeling Indians —
* 7 Broken arm	3	+ Jah chunk wash taa —
* 8 Mahgah kah tah	3	& Several others —
		Two returned - of Sioux Calhoun
		The balance went for Whiskey

The Chiefs & Head men from 1 to 8 Spoke & Stated that
which Mr Campbell had reported & produced the young
man who brought up the message from Wabishaw
The Sentiments of nearly all were favorable & the decision
unanimous about going down —
My Father — We have heard news from the 1st Chief
of our Nation & we listen to him as much as the
other Chiefs listen to you - we heard nothing of
these things from you & as you have no letters
by the last Steam Boat or Express - we have returned
in 2 days & go down below to see what our Chief
Wants - he always means good & perhaps he
has news for us & we may help him —
= This young man now before you brought the news.

& a message to us. Three Rolls of Tobacco, one to each village I thing our people will in two days get into their Canoes and go down - If the Sacs are to meet at Prairie du Chiens we may assist our Chief in arranging all things with them - It is said that 30 horses have arrived at the P. or expected in a few days - our Chief further says that he will remain at his village (even should a message be sent up from the Prairie for him) until we arrive. —
We need not repeat it, you know the message already - we wished to call into your house, and inform you of it - as perhaps you might have some thing from below altho we have not heard you speak of such things - we wish here the Chiefs & head men to hear what you have to say. &c — Reply of the Agent

My Friends -

Surely there must be some mistake about this business. & perhaps your Chief has mistaken what he has heard below. however if all be true that the message conveys it is well & as the difficulty was settled with the Menomonies & Winnebagos this spring by the Sacs & Foxes and you were left out - perhaps the Red head may have directed the Agents to cause the Sacs & Foxes to make overtures for a peaceable arrangement of their affair with your people If it is so it is good & you should listen & do what is right for our people. —

But my friends I cant see through this course of proceeding - If the words of the Chief be true - the Red Head at St Louis, the Agent at Rock Island & the Comdg Officer at Prairie du Chiens, ought to know of it, & surely one at least of them would have notified me

No Messages are good nor will any message by Mouth except on paper be acted on or attended to by me I am not trifled with by my Nation for when I get a message it is a true one - our people dare

not lie on paper - therefore your Messenger here must not feel hurt if I cannot believe - I know your fashions & you believe the Messages sent in your way all true but I have seen that you are often invited below for one object & you find when you go that it is altogether for some thing else - This you know as well as I do. —

My friends - I must tell you that my ears are open, and a little bird has whispered in my ears. that there is 30 Kegs of liquor at the Chiefs Village - instead of 30 horses at Prairie du Chiens to settle disputes - now should I be wrong - the laugh will be against me - but should I be right - why of course the laugh will be in my favour and against you. - Now my friends I will put a Question or two to your Messenger - You know our Express let the Prairie 14 days ago -

Question - were you with the Chief at the Prairie & did you leave before or after our Express. —

Ans.r I was at the Prairie & we left one day after the Express & the day we left we heard the news of my Message.

Question - Did the Chief or any of you hear these things from Col Taylor or any proper person in Council

Ans - No we heard that the Agent (Genl Street) had sent word up that Genl Clark & others was to be up at the Prairie & that the Sacs & Foxes were to bring 30 horses. —

My friends - You can act in this business & believe as you please - for my part I have heard enough - if it be true - I am left like a blind man walking into the River & no stick even to feel his way. But I have no faith in all that is reported and only fear that - there is some other cause for the Chiefs invitation - for my part I wait for the Steam Boat - which is hourly expected - For thought there be news of the kind - I shall get it -

After the Council with the Little Rapes Indians
The Broken Arm Band Iowa Indians
I spared 5 Rds Pork and 5 Rds flour
Also to Mucks 105 Rds Pork — 105 Rds flour —

Moosemauk — 3
Wah nac mauk 3 Persons mave —

1 pr 1¼ pt Blankets	2	100 Gun flints
3 yards Blue Flannel	3	24 Moccasin awls
2 Yards Scarlet Cloth	3	2 Tin Kettles
25 lbs Powder	3	¾ lb Thread
50 lbs Lead	3	1 doz Com Combs
60 lbs of Tobacco	3	2 doz Glasses —
100 Sewing Needles	3	2 Blk Silk Hdkfs
1 Calico Shirt	3	12 Knives Scalping
14 yds Calico	3	1 pr. 3 pt Blankets
¼ lb Vermilion	3	¾ Blue Ribbon
12 garden Hoes	3	2 frying Pans

To Broken Arm & party

1 pair 1¼ pt Blankets	3	1 Tin Kettle
4 yards Blue Cloth	3	½ doz Knives Scalping
3½ yards Scarlet	3	12½ lbs Powder
¼ Vermilion	3	35 lbs Lead
1 doz Com Horn Combs	3	40 lbs Tobacco
24 Moccasin awls	3	80 Gun flints
¼ Thread	3	1 Shirt Calico
50 Needles —	3	14 yds Calico
2 frying pans	3	1 doz Glasses —

Sworn before
Lan Palmer
Indian Agent
at Peltz

June 14th 1835

Monday June 15th 1835 —

Q. How many Days over the Earth Said
I got 10 Traps from Coells of those he brought up
The boy Star got One clearning it as his own —
Q. What did the Boy Star Say about the Traps. —
Ans When he took out this Coells he Said these Traps
belong to Mr Bailly — but one belongs to me and
he took it — The balance of the Traps I got
are now braced on my hunting ground —
Mahzah Petah — Got 5 Traps of wells but he took
them back — Yesterday I seen him bring
them & they belong to Mr Bailly —
Q. What were you going to do with Traps you were
bringing down Yesterday. —
Ans I was going to bring them down to shew them to
Mr Rollin as a boy had told me that he wanted
to See them. but when I was ready to come
Mr Wells arrived & took the Traps from me —
2nd Q. to See you he will take any Traps
up to his place
Ans — I saw those Traps when Wells took them up
I saw them — Some were tied with Cotton Yarn
& Cords — he Wells was busy in cutting the Sticks &
was throwing them in the fire — I asked him
if he got them of the Indians or how was
he gave me no answer & I went to my Lodge
Out of the Traps I saw Wells give Mahzepenah
got 10 — Pezze chuckmah mauk 10 — Tabachonoo
got 5 —
Q. Did you See Wells give the Traps to either of
them two Persons present —
Ans. Yes I saw him give of the Same Traps which
he brought up to — Some to both of the Indians
now present. —

The foregoing Indians came in and Stated to me the facts on the foregoing page - as to the Traps gotten of James Wells at the Little Rapids last Winter -

Mr Sibley came with the Indians - as also Mr Renville and Mr Lafrumboise the last from the Coming The matter of Wells case thereas thus & decided that He is to make all the Traps good to the respective claimants or loose his Licence. -

Maj I L Bean arrived this forenoon last from the Standing Cedar on the St Croix where he left his Surveying party

Major B - informs me that Mr Campbell - did not take either the horse Saddle or Bridle - which I bought for him but - procured one from Mr Rocque - and was desired by Mr Campbell so to inform me. -

Mr Joseph Rocque & Frasier - an Indian from Red Wings Band arrived with Maj B - & entered with him at the beginning of the line at Chippeway River & passed on to the Standing Cedar - the balance of the Sioux left this point & returned down the St Croix & Mississippi to their Village above Lake Pepin - -

George Johnson having failed to report for Instructions Maj Bean States that he cannot longer do without an Interpreter for the Chippeways & makes his Requisition for one - & for which the pressing exigencies of the Service & the peculiar interest of the Chippeways requires that a Suitable person shall be employed - which altho not instructed I shall proceed to obtain the best qualified man that may be found in the Country

— Tuesday June 16th 1835 — 96

Wrote a letter to J B Farrebault - wishing to purchase a Yoke of Oxen to convey Presents & Provisions along the Sioux & Chippeway line — unluckily failed with him

Wah Kee au Tunkah & one man
Hoe yah pah - & one ao } accompany Surveyor -

Presents S & C line

3 Calico Shirts	3. Tin cups
3 pr Leggings	1. Kettle
1/2 doz Mocas	3 Knives

I wrote at letter to Alex Farrebault who came over and agreed to let me have a yoke of Cattle on a/c of the U States for $60c

Packed up the goods for Maj Bean for S & C line $10p.79 - as Presents for Sioux & Chippeways on the Boundary line Survey. -

Hoeyah pah - deserted & went to Pean du Chiens after agreeing to go on his line

The Wahpetons now with Mr Renville talked with the Eagle & Tahtuncanasiah son They say they cannot go on the line as Mr Renville has said that he will send his Son Joseph with them to join the Surveyor - after they go back to Lac qui parle - these Indians like most others are very inactive lazy & good for nothing but to smoke sleep, & eat when they can get a sufficiency

Wah Kee au Tunkah
Annogenasiah - } these two principle men came and said in Council that they would go on to their lands with the Surveyor

Annogenasiah came to go as he said his friend the Eagle head had left for below.

Wednesday June 17th 1835—

Mr. F.s oxen were sent for by Thy hundred men & brought over— as this yoke of oxen does not answer for the woods— I sent for those at Lake Calhoun— & have exchanged them pattern of Mr Farebault for them—

Sent 2 Bls flour 1 B.l Pork also. all the Boxes of Presents &c in Mapes Cart to the Falls of St Anthony— for the Interpreter & Indians on the line—

Made a small Present to Wah-ska-kon-Tunkah and Ampojenasica & 4 others of their men— Their two head & men & four others 7. in all— are this evening employed fishing— with every thing requisite for their journey along the line.—

Paid Mr. F. by an order on Mr. Allen $60— for his oxen.—

Old Tah-Tah-Mahzah died on the evening of the 15th Inst as I expected soon & did not— I name this old woman for her deceased husband was (Tah-kun-ca-mon-ca-ah) one of the most accomplished Indians I ever knew.—

May Beau Received to me for the Pay for the S & C line— . — . —

Also for the Presents &c and is to see that they are transported on Cart all along as far as the Cart can go—

Mr D Campbell by order is to pay Jos Rocque $60— for one horse (a stud) which he has now on the line & which is to be turned over to me after the work is done

1. Pub Horse 1. Gotte of Cattle. on the S. & C. line

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Thursday June 18th 1835—

Maj Beau left with his Escort of Troops this morning Lieut Wm H Glover in Command— Prescott Interpreter

Employed William Stuk as Chippeway Interpreter for S & C line, & sent his appointment by the hands of Mr P Prescott— with Orders to join Maj Beau at or near the Little Sauk—

Kenyah one of the Wah-pa-koota Chiefs arrived at the Agency this morning with his people in quest of this Annuity.—

Returned for. 26 RR & 26 PF flour for Medawaskanton Sioux— Do. for 23 RR 20 PF flour for Wah-pa-koota Sioux—

Etua Mahzah— left by Surveyor— gave him for his Services on S & C line

1. Tea Kettle	2 pcs Vermillion	1. Common Horn Comb
5. lbs Lead	1 B.C. Hdkf	1. Looking Glass
2½ lbs Powder	5. yrd Calico	1/2 yd Scarlet Cloth
2. Knives	36 gun Flints	2½ yds Bala Ribbon
1. 2½ pt Blanket	5 lbs Tobacco—	1 Thread—

Etua Mahzah— of Called Jack Frazier— Son of a Mr Frazier who trades in this country Some years since. He is the Grand Son of Old Tah-tunk-a-munee— better known as The Old Red Wing. & ever Friend to the American Government during the War of 1812

Some appearance of Rain & high wind— I have taken the Wah-pa-koota Sioux to keep in the Agency Office as they are without Tents of — or Covering of any Kind.—

The Lafleur & Wah-pe-con Sioux of Lacs qui parle & Traverse are yet here I gave them a flag to return home & attempt to make a peace with the Chippeways— but it seems they are waiting for The return of Mr Renville— who awaits the arrival of the Steam Boat Warrior— daily expected

Friday June 19th 1835

Rain in torrents fell last night, and it is still falling at 8 Oclk this morning - My Office & other parts of the House Crowded with Steaming & Smoking Indians - The Siters up Shake there heades & say My Father - this is a hard morning & but little to eat the night has been wet & cold & our ham had no fire, it is likely to continue bad weather for a day or two, & we are sorry to be caught here so far from our families - who are suffering we looked for our Annuity before this - we did not hear of your Movements or we would a great way off or we should have remained until you sent down now we are in a bad condition - having neither Powder, Lead, Tobacco - nor provisions - what are we to do My Father help us to think, & advise us — My Friends. It is unfortunate that you are here at this time - I sent word for you to remain on the plains until you heard again from me but it seems my words could not find all my Chiefs as they were scattered every where on the plains & on the lines on both sides - The Steam Boat is expected & as this is a bad day she may come as the water that falls cannot put our fire - when we see the Boat our hearts may be at ease - Keep up your Spirits & make your minds easy You shant suffer while in my house — If I have to supply your wants at my own expense which many here know I have often done I will send you provisions & wood from my house and a Kettle for your women to Cook in - but on to morrow you must leave for your families & await my next Messages —

Keokuk Chief of the 3d Watchpaakoo's Village Presented his Pipe. & after a short Council left for his Village on the plains. disappointed at not finding the Annuities arrived for him & his people — About now 38 or 50 days —

Present to him & Party. —

12½ Powder 30 Pds Lead
50 pcs Flints ¼ lbs Vermilion 20 Rows
½ doz Combs ½ doz Glasses
25 lbs Tobacco ½ doz Knives = 2 Hoes —

Issued 15 R.P. & 15 Rounds Flints & their people left for the plains

Saturday 20th —

Mr. Robbin & Mr Sibley called at the Agency to say they desired to know my decision in the Wells case & as to the mode of obtaining Licenses &c —

Mr Sibley stated that if any man in his employ were to act one half as badly as Wells had done that he would immediately send him out of the Country &c

Spoke also of Mr Renville's delay & the cause of his not going back to his Post at Lac qui parle - Campbell had stated some report of Chippeways being in waiting on the St Peters to cut him off &c — Mr Renville explained & told him Campbell had no fence in any such report it was done by another to Campbell to subject himself as the Indians had caused the report themselves to account for their delay & Mr Renville had told them himself not to go off until the Steam Boat arrived - that often they all got home he would send his Son Joseph with some of them to fall in with Major Beard &c —

I said - as James Wells had delayed in accounting for the Furs - his Licence would not be renewed and the first instance of my decision - & if offended he would be ordered out of the Country

Sunday 21st June 1835—

I rode out to Lake Calhoun with Mrs Talcaferro on horse back 7 miles - on a visit to the Indians at their Agricultural Establishment - They have much corn & Potatoes planted - but all have more grass than was necessary to clean out—

I laughed at the women & told them that in two days I should return, & the Cleanest field should have a Blanket - the next a Shoud, the next a Calico Shirt, & next a pair of Leggings & the last of all a Hoe.—

Hockomoko called for some Calicos

Gave him as follows—

2 Garden Hoes	1 Calico Shirt
1 Felling Axe	1 Knife—
10 Gun flints	1½ lbs Powder
4 lbs of Lead	31 lbs Tobacco

The Black Dog Chief - called down. I asked him why he did not move his Daughter down near the Doctors he gave me no decided answer—

From a cut on the Ancle joint - She will die if she be not attended to - Doct Jarvis has been up twice to see her 5 miles from the Fork & all that he can say or do - will not induce her Father & Relations to move her near the Fork

If this was done the Doctor warrants them to perform a cure - but they Lead not perhaps from indolence or from Superstitious notion I from this apathy of theirs - The womens leg & foot will dreadfully mortify— and death of course ensue.—

Monday 22d June 1835— 101

Counciled with the Superior Chiefs of Sacs Foxes & Sioux Tribes

The Standing Bull Said

My Father - we have called to see you as we leave here on tomorrow - we have been here long - since we have a long road to travel & beg some provisions as we are without guns.—

We have heard that the Chippeways are about to attack us for the dissatisfaction our people had with them this Spring - My Father if this should be the case you may not see me again for a long time as we may have to meet them again - but if nothing of this Kind happens you will hear from me & my people soon again &c—

I advised them people to get home as soon as possible & called their people to mind up their canoes at once with the Chippeways - that Double Runner women be asked to escort them on to the line where our troops & may become need—

Presented to the Eagle for the Sioux Chiefs—

2 Calico Shirts	1 Tin Kettle
3 Blk Silk Handkfs	1 3/4 Blanket
1/2 yds Blue Strouds	1 pr Scarlet Leggs
2 Tin Pans	3 Knives
1/4 lbs Vermillion	1/2 doz Awls
25 lbs Tobacco	25 flints
1/2 doz Combs	38 lbs Lead
	12 1/2 Powder

I enclosed to the Superintendency of W H Sibley and A S Mead on Capt J McClures bond as appr Commissary to be goods & Supplies for the Sum of five thousand dollars—

Lawr Talcaferro
Indn Agt
Ass Pr Bks

Tuesday June 23d 1835

Two Faces Son

I notice this young man for the sake of his deceased Father & his family the old man was my warm & devoted friend—

4 lbs Powder 3 6 flints 3 1. B.S Hdkfs 3
6 lbs Lead 3 1. flask 3 1. paper Vermilion 3
1 Shirt 3 1. Tin cup 3 1. Tow. pair—

Letters 5 to Genl Wm Clark Sent by Mr Rolette as far as Pawnee des Chiens.—

Letter to Benj Mills Attorney at law employed him to defend me against Alexis Bailly suit for Seizing his whiskey— July 22d 1834.

Alexis Bailly left this day this Country with his family having by his own imprudence & folly thrown himself out of bread— His conduct if fairly developed to the world, could not be Lookd upon by any honest man or by any one who had the least respect for himself or the laws of his Country.— The foregoing remarks are made more in Sorrow than any other motive Had I have permitted him to have done as he pleased with my Office & Stores I have perchanted its powers & privaleges to his wife— I should have been a most robbed & very clever fellow—

But no— I kept my ground, & Secured enemies accordingly, & I regret it not.—

J Rolette left also with his Daughter Mrs Stover—

Lt S. having been ordered on detached Service with a Command on the Sevrn & Chippewa line As an Escort for the Surveyors May Beard.—

Mr. H. H. Sibley apt am 7 Cps now in Charge of this Dept left also for Prairie des Chiens

Joseph Rainville Sen.r left for Lac qui Parle— with a part of his out fit of goods—

The Superintendt & Watch per Steam Saw also left— Several young men from this also—

Rev.d William S. Williamson was furnished with a passport for himself & family also for Messrs G— Huggins & his to pass up with Rainville to His Post at Lac qui Parle— whom they have been from motives of policy permitted to locate for Missionary purposes & agricultural for the benefit of the wild Indians of that place & Vicinity.—

I have long felt the want of a correspondent in the region named & Mr Williamson has promised to do for the government all that the laws may require or the Regulations & instructions of the President

Mr. Dunn of Reading Pa. who was on a visit at this Post left also in the Company Mississippi Boats—

Nasiampaa or the Spared Soldier— called with Several of the Pine bend Indians & reports that Some of his people found on the St Croix & in a Starving Condition a White man— Black Cloth Cap & Leather Coat— they gave him to eat & immediately forgetting his State— the man was taken with a violent Cholic—

He will be by my notes brought in to this Post in a day or two— perhaps by tomorrow evening—

30 lbs of Lead & 15 lbs of Powder given to some destitute Indians this day— also 15 plugs of Tobacco— 25 pair flints— —

Wednesday 24th June 1835=

The Indians are exceedingly hard ones - in every respect - destitute of all means of support & must remain in Winter Camp Season —

No Steam Boat arrival consequently no annuity at the usual season May 30 - To go out to hunt is for them to go off to Plains. —

So far as I can furnish - have been furnished Fish hooks & lines - fish Spears & a small amount of Powder lead & flints. —

Remark unexpected

The Warrior at 10 oclk this day came in sight at the Mile point in a dashing Shower of Rain - With the Annuity for the Sioux Part to take for them - Sutlers Stores $2000 — & many passengers Among which I am acquainted -

Viz. Capt Day & Lieut Beach of the Army —

Mr Catlin the Artist & Lady —	Miss Shute
Wm D Jones and Daughter	Miss Farnsworth
Mrs Maj Smith & Children	Miss Crow
Mrs Doct Hoffman & do	Miss Johnson
Mrs Felix St Vrain —	Miss Waddell
Mr & Mrs Campbell	Miss Chalmers
Lt. G W Jones 3 - Lieut Rank	Miss Jones -
J Farnsworth 3 Mr Tendale	Mrs Lockwood

Letters from Prairie Chien & Cpy with packing Bills of Agricultural implements - Iron Steel &c

Maj Brant U.S.A. Invoices & Firm Lines —

of Agricultural implements - no prices Sett —

Rec'd 17. Inst. / ## Thursday 25th Inst. —

Draft on Maj Brant in favour of A S Munn for $60

Yoke of Oxen for S & C Line

Agricultural implements received for the year 1835 = Ploughs Hoes. Wagon &c &c —

Iron & Steel for support of Smiths Shop 4th Art also Treaty of Prairie du Chien July 15 1830 —

Annuity Sent to Lt McClellan for the Wahpeton Sioux - Sisseton & Upper Medawakanton Sioux

Letter Written to Maj Brant enclosing Receipts for the above articles - also Waiver to $60 Draft

Letter to Gov Robertson —

$200. draft Sent to H K Talley —

$20 — Awaiting to Benj Miles to appear in a Suit in defence of plaintiff Bailly —

$4,50 Sent to Mr Bogus for Corn Meal — by Mr Glenn this day

$9.50 Paid H Gleim Stone Jars & freight —

Letter to N P Tallmadge —

Letter to Miss M L Tabeau —

35 or 40 Passengers from the Warrior paid a visit to the Falls of St Anthony in a hand Cart —

50 or 60 Indians at the Steam Boat landing this day. —

Journal of the passengers - the Capt & Clerk keeped the afternoon at the Agency —

The Warrior left this evening at half past 7 oclk for St Louis - remained a little over 24 hours. —

Friday June 26th

Annogenasiah, & his party returned this day from Maj Bean & his Surveying party—

This people returned a few days sooner than I expected but presume they went the extent of their line - which ends at the 1st River above Sauk River — Annogenasiah will be here (being fatigued) on tomorrow to explain—

The Man discovered on the St Croix by the Pine Bend Sioux stoped at the wood cutting 35 Miles below Fort Snelling where he met the Warrior S. Boat returning from this Post and shiped to prairie du Chien they (the Indians) said he wrote a letter to me.— but as yet it has not been delivered.

Saturday. 27th

Annogenasiah & party reported this morning the did not reach the Sauk River but returned after passing over their own line — I was not satisfied with these people & listened to their excuses with but little disposition to believe. their want of Provisions & Mocasins to progress

Wah Kee on Tunkah & 38 House of his band called to protest against waiting until the 5th of July for their Annuity —

I told him if he would collect all the house sooner we would pay them — even on tomorrow the next day or at any moment would produce the Chiefs & head men of the Villages

Issued forty five Rats of Pork & 45 lbs of flour to other Indians on other basings — 1st July may do—

Sunday June 28th

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Rain for the last four days often with great Violence

More expected from this mornings specimen.—

Invoice of Iron & Steel sent but no price attached for Healthy Shop - this is an oversight - as the Agent cannot know how to regulate the pay of B Smith & Sluker or what for Coal - out of the appropriation of $900.

113 lbs nail Rods say 10 cts	$11.30
171. do round Iron - 10	17.10
1210 do assorted Bar Iron 6 cts	72.60
45 German Steel - 25 cts	11:25
50 Spring Steel - 25	12.50
50 do of Blister do - 20	10.00
Supposed Amt	$134:75
Pay of Black Smith say	480.
of his Assistant	240.
Coal for Support Smith Shop	45.
	899.75
deduct from payment 1st 2d	30
deduct Coal	869.75
Smith Shop	45
	824.75
Iron Steel &c	134.75
	690
Leaves for 3 last 2rs of pay	495
Balance for application on appropriation for 1835 for Support Smith Shop	$195

Mr Geo Johnson arrived this day & reported with a deputation of Chippeways - 7 — The Surveyor left 12 days ago for the line on Rum River

Issue 14 Rats of Flour & Pork to Mr Is party concerned over the appointment of Stell as Chief Interpreter &c &c

Monday June 29th 1835

Gave Mr Johnson his instructions this morning to join May Bean the Surveyor on the S&C line with a little delay as possible — as Interpreter for the Chippeways under the orders of the Department

Kaw kau mab ba 2d Chief from Head of St Croix & 5 others Chippeways — his deputation called to see me —

Mr Catlin called at the Agency; and wished 3 Chippeways to call on him at the Fort as he was desirous of Painting their portraits — Mr C. has been engaged for years, & is still zealously progressing in the fine Arts — he has secured the most valuable & authentic specimens of 30 Indian Tribes — their dresses. Ceremonies. Buffalo Hunts dances &c &c with many paintings & Views of Scenery which will go to their the Vast Material for Observation & Cultivation in the remote territories — the great World Know nothing as yet of these things and it seems that it has been left to Mr Catlin to open the Sluices of information & by the magic of his pencil to hold the Mirror up to public View —

Mr C. painted Kaw baa mab ba, & two other Chippeways this day. — They seemed flattered. —

Mr C is taking several Sioux & & Chippeways and intends procuring a number of views of Scenery — such as Little Falls — Falls of St Anthony two or three views of Fort Snelling, and several other discriptive Scenery on the Mississippi & River Peters — such as I have seen are very correct as well as interesting & true to nature —

Tuesday June 30th 1835

Requisitions on the Apt Dr Master handed in this day as follows Viz pay of Agent $375 —
Interpreter — 75 —
Blacksmith 105 —
Assistant to do 55 —
$610 —

Abstract of Requisitions made out & ready to forward by the Duty Express on the 3d inst —

Annogenasiah called on me this day

My Father — It seems I call on you often, but this day I do so for the purpose of satisfying those young men who went with me on to our line with May Bean

Presented in addition to former outfit

1/2 doz Knives —	6 1/4 lbs Powder
1/2 doz Tin Cups —	25 lbs Lead
1/2 lbs Vermillion	50 gun flints
1/2 doz Glasses	1 doz Combs assorted
1/2 doz fine Stuffs	1 Roll Ribbon
1 Tin Kettle —	1 Blanket
1/2 piece Calico	1 1/2 yds Stroud —

The Mdawakanton Sioux expected on tomorrow = for to receive their portion of annuity —

Mr Geo Johnson left this evening for the line S&C to join May Bean perhaps at the head of Spunk or Little Sauk River —

Report made in the case of James Wells & the Sapst asked if his License is to be renewed upon the charge of his taking property which was not his own. —

Mr Johnsons arrival & departure reported also

1st Wednesday July 1st 1835

Mr Jas Wells called to say that he had determined on not surrendering the hops in his possession as the Am F Cpy had doubtless many of his traps gotten in Exchange in the same way that he had gotten his —

I gave him a copy of my letter to the Supt of the 30 of June charging him with having improperly taken certain hops from the Falls of St Anthony & from the testimony - circumstantial & what is said by Indians - there remains no doubt but that Wells got the hops

2 — Thursday July 2d

Five Bands of the Medawa Kanton Bands or tribes of Sioux - resorted to the Agency this day for their Annuities for 1835

Claims of Mr. J B Farrebault investigated & discussed all objected to but one Item of 13 Pigs 2 pr 3 pt Blankets deducted for this — Amt $13.50 from the Sixes Band —

Jacob Fenstrom's Ass objected to no certain Indian convicted of killing his Ox last year. — Accts to be referred to Comr. of Indian Affairs

Annuities after discussing this & other matters

Paill Wah Keeon Tunkah —	118,50
Wah madee Tunkah — —	75:00
Tah Chunk wash tah —	103.50
Annogenaseah — —	213.50
Marcpee wee Chastah —	157.50

Reserved for Eselah Kenbah —	$118:50
Eselah Mahzah —	113.50
Total Amt —	$900.00

3d Friday July 3d

The Lake Calhoun Band of Agriculturalists asked or invited to dance & Play Ball for Mr Catlin They assembled & painted really for the play — but a violent Storm put an end to all things for this day at least —

Mr Catlin gave several loaves of Bread & all hands promised to call on tomorrow the 4th & give a grand fete to Mr. C. —

The Ladies were all expectation but have unluckily been disappointed — but I will try again to gratify & amend them —

I was called to to Marry a couple this day and at 2 oclk P.M. — united Pohle Provost — and Miss Margaret Brunell at the Office of Indian Agency in presence of Witnesses

Mr. Catlin witnessed the ceremony

Mr. H N Dillon }
Mr S Campbell }

Having the authority of a Justice of the Peace I deem it a more rutcheous course to give some solemn form to these proceedings and Marry those disposed to be firmly as man & wife united - rather than see an indiscriminate intercourse - or a want of proper respect for the Married State or the Sex — If my views are not appreciated as felt and entertained by myself — I cannot entertain any other

4th Saturday July 4th 1835

Pegakee or the Buffalo Chief of St. Croix arrived last night from the St Croix on business relative to their line between them and the Sioux

17 Rats Pork & 17 lbs Flour drawn for them

From Lac Courtes
Mah so chick
Mee nahn gaa Pish

The people explain their lines as now running and State that they go too much into their own Country from the points where they saw the trace - It seems both tribes entertain the same ideas upon this interesting subject to them - I explained & told my Friends - our Surveyor is only finding the notch points along your line, after this is done & of Course he cannot at first go directly to each But on his return he will correct all the way back & go in a straight line from point to point & run your lines exactly according to your Agreement at the Treaty in 1825 -

I have Satisfied both Deputations if not reconciled all -

Piachic or Piague & Deputation of Chippeways expected

To Say an Indian called by the Sioux the little S - The different Villages of the Sioux Played Ball for the Amusement of Mr Callin & Mr C

Mr Callin takes the Interest of two Sioux at Ball Play in the Act of doing so. -

Agent of the Chippeways present on an event He will have the best Samples of their peoples at this Post

Pigeon Chief of St Louis departed with his people this afternoon -

5th Sunday July 5th 1835

Regular Monthly Express left this day with the Mail for Prairie du Chien. My Abstract & papers to 30 June Sent to Genl. Clark

Duly Acct & Vouchers of the Military Dis Agt Indn Affrs Sent in & forwarded also to Supt. -

Letter to Maj Mann with Acct of S. Campbell for $36 Extra Services as Interpreter for the Chippeways

Letter & Statement in Jarvis Wells case & decision asked of the Supt as to renewing his Licence on the Chippeway.

The Chippeway Chief Mah zo gic asked to Speak

My Father I live a long distance off Seven or eight days Walk & Came to beg of you a day or two provisions to take me & my people on our way - I would not ask you to do me this Charity but we know we will not be able to Kill any Game while we are away from this a day or two March perhaps the 8th day - and I hope you will take pity on our Situation -

My Father I came from Lac Courtes - we have been instructed to be at peace with the Sioux but last winter we came near fighting at the Saw Mill on Chippeway River - but luckily we we did not Spill blood. -

Their people purpose to leave this day I gave them 34 R P & 34 lbs Flour -

I have been very informed that 30 Canoes of these people were at the Falls last night Men Women & no Issue for the Agent These Persons are Cousins, as the Tribe belongs to another Agency but Stick to mine I wish they had an Agent who could attach them to him. -

6th Monday July 6th 1835 — 6th

Mah zo Chic
Mee nahn gaa Fish } Chiefs of Lac Contreille & their people leave this day for the waters of the Chippeways — I took this occasion to talk over their affairs — of their country, and as to their relations with the Sioux of this Agency

I could not but spare Six pairs of fish spears to a large detachment of the Chippeways — these people get nothing of the kind unless they buy them — at least those on the waters of the Miss — i cannot as is well known —

Axes a dozen & 10 guns repaired also — which were indeed useless without to these people —

It would move the feelings of a Deist or of the Devil himself much less a Christian man to look on the garb & condition of most of the Chippeways of St Croix — Snake, and Rum Rivers —

Big Legs — with one or two men came with a Pipe this evening late

Rain this day which prevented my going out to Lake Harriet with Rev. Mr Stephens to fix upon a spot for him to build his Residence & Mission School — It is at Lake Calhoun where the Agricultural Establishment is in opperation

But the Children can easily walk across from this point to Lake Harriet — and next year if practicable permanent buildings will be erected for all the families on

Mr Pond obtained the work oxen & will Haul logs for Mr Stephens so as to forward his views It is hard to get labour here & when obtained it is at the highest possible rates — all like to live without exertion here —

7th Tuesday July 7th 7 115

Blind, lame, & lazy — Indians all came to beg this morning and received a lesson for their trouble —

Wee ohn deh. Killed a hog recently, & one other was killed

Said by Wah Keon Tunkahs Son — who is married at the Black Legs village — Indian Jim (Seecha Wah Keah) Said to Mr Campbell he had eaten of the meat —

One hundred Chippeways reported by letter from the Non Commissioned Officer Station there at the Mills — and had been for a day or two

Corn Stolen by these people reported Quantity not known They Broke open the Mill house door

I had heard on the morning of yesterday that more than 100 Chippeways had arrived at the Falls of St Anthony the evening of the 5th & were making Portage with their Canoes — but did not believe there were so many if any at all. but it

Seems I was disappointed altho at this Season to be expected If this hostile feeling is entertained and we are robed it proceeds from the course of policy directed by this Agency to be persued towards these people — such a course is & has been well calculated to embitter their feelings against the government — Treat them as in former days & all will be well — I know them as well as man can know any Indian tribe — drive them from you as I have been instructed and enemies are sure to be made. —

I should not be surprised if these people were to kill some of the Sioux near us. those at Lake Calhoun & out hunting are in a dangerous Situation — the feelings of the Chippeways are roused and mischief of some kind they will surely do soon —

The note from the Corporal at the Mill caused the Comdg Officer to Send Capt Day with Lieut Wood and a Detachment of Sixty men to the Falls.

The Troops found the Sioux & Chippeways Encamped together & feasting on Sugar — Only 6 Qts of Corn were to be seen & this Mr Baker had given the Sioux — The Chippeways were much alarmed & utterly denied having broken in to the Mill

The Chiefs said they would be in to see the Agent & Comdg Officer the the Morning — only waiting for The Flat Mouth with 150 Chips of Leech Lake on 50 were at the Mill The troops returned at 90ck P.M

8th Wednesday July 8th 1835 — 8

The Rats Heart & his next man of the Mille Lac Chippeways came down from the Falls this morning to see the Comdg Officer Maj Bliss as requested by Capt Day to do yesterday evening — I asked these Chiefs if the would go to the Fort to see the Maj. or if they wished to see him at the Agency — they both — joined in wishing the Maj to call at the Office —

Sent Mr Campbell with a note to the Maj — accordingly — and in a short time arrived. —

Maj Bliss — Talked some time to the Chippeway Chiefs about the breaking open of the Mill & the taken therefrom Corn say 5 Bushels — & various matters connected with their arrival at the Mill &c &c —

The Chiefs replied & said we have been coming here for 15 years & our Father there (Maj Taliaferro) knows us well & that we never did either coming here or going off ever take or destroy any thing not even the value of a pin — we live at Mille Lac not far off & we came down to trade a little sugar

and to ask our Father here for a pipe of his Tobacco — we met some Sioux above the falls. with whom we traded a little sugar for some corn meal. this was about the middle of the day — 4 of our people on getting down to the Falls — went to the house — where they saw a man writing something on paper — an other man then come with a horse & took the paper & started off down here — and on being reported to us — we said that the man had perhaps gone to the Fort to let the White people know that some Chippeways had arrived at the Falls — and we were very much surprised to see troops come out last evening, & did not know what to make of it — until we heard of the Corn being taken from the Mill — we caused all our Lodges & sacks to be searched at once — and kept 4 men up through the night to see if any one of our people would cook corn — but none were seen with any — & this morning as we were invited we came down to see you —

after some further explanations & remarks — the Maj Stated that he was satisfied with what they said —

Rats Heart then asked if his people would be permitted to encamp near the Fort & trade their sugar &c — The Maj said yet they might do so in safety, & as soon as they pleased —

From all that could be gathered it would seem that the Corpl was mistaken in suspecting these people and that the Mill had been entered before the time he supposed in the day & in all likelyhood by some of the Sioux of the Sixes Village who were & have been at the Mill previous to the arrival of the Chippeways. —

25. Bark Canoes - containing 75 Chippeways from Mille Lac arrived, & encamped at Chippeway point

40 men & 20. & 15 — 75 men women & children

Rats Heart — 7 — 75 Mille Lac Chippeways

Naudin — 4. 4. 8 — 16 Rum River Chippeways

Total 91. Chippeways —

Issued only 50 Rats Pork and 50 pounds of flour — to all these people half a ration to each individual

Gave also 50 plugs of Tobacco

Naudin Rose & Said

My Father - I was here a short time ago I returned home well pleased and hope to do so again you now see a hundred more of our people they will let you know what brought them - we thank you for the Tobacco laid before them & for the Provisions which your heart has given us but Indians are not like white people - they eat twice as much and we are very hungry. —

— Reply of the Agent —

My friends — You ought to know that at this Post there is no provision made for you - not even a charge of Powder nor a mouthful of Provisions but I cannot see you Starve so I have given you but a mouthfull for not one half your people - but this I cannot help - I am now taking from the Sioux Mat which we have to feed them with when they come on business for their Annuities - and we have but little to give them - we purposely have but little so as not to give the lazy & idle part of their nation anything - for if they were to be fed they would never hunt for their families but depend on the white people & leave their families naked.

9th Thursday July 19th 1835 - 9th

I am among the unfortunate - After much labour and more expense to enclose & cultivate a small field of Corn Potatoes & other vegetables - Two nights in succession the Cattle to the No. of 60 or 70 head belonging to a few individuals entered my enclose and nearly destroyed everything in it —

Public notice has been posted up at different public points that as I have a lawful fence - the next aggression will suffer as the Viscous Cattle will be Shot on entering my enclosure —

45 Chippeways dance at the Agency House this morning - a few subsects for the pencil of Mr Catlin who is present —

Mr Catlin is this day painting 3 more of the Chippeways this will make Six Chippeways & Four Sioux parted some full length within two weeks past —

The Chippeways dance at the Fort also this day —

they went first to the Council House & fired a Salute

Both tribes talked of playing Ball on tomorrow —

— The Sioux State Guns & Blankets —

" Chippeways Stake - Bark Canoes, & Sugar —

Mr Catlin & Maj Bliss Give the dancing party a small present of Tobacco &c as is the custom on such occasions - Some of the Ladies were present at the dance - all things in a State of nature - nothing on in the shape of dress except their butcher cloths —

My usual present to a dancing party is Tobacco a little vermillion & a few Indian Glasses or any little finery for the young men —

10th Friday July 11th 1835 10th

Rain again this morning — we have had more or less of rainy weather & Cold for some days — consequently constant fires have been needed and kept up ——

We have not as yet heard of the movements of those Indians who went to Rum du chien on the invitation of the traders of the Am Fur Coy to get whiskey —

Naudin Chief of the Rums River Chippeways in Council Spoke for some time on the affairs of his people & States his friendship to the Sioux & to all Nations about this country and to the Americans — he States the Value of the Agents Councils — the good done since his being in the Country. & many other complementary remarks not necessary to be here noted ——

Mr Catlin The artist was present, & smoked upon a part of his Speech — when the Chief said his people sent him Tobacco this Spring to go to war against the Sioux — but he did not listen nor accept the Tobacco in Consequence of my Councils & his people being at peace with the Sioux ——

Mr C. asked if the Chippeways were now at war The Chief replied that he believed they were not — as a young man had just arrived & stated that the Flat Mouth had gone towards the frontier (many miles) & that Cheonoquet or the Great Canoe would be here with 100 of the Pillagers & Sandy Lake Chippeways on tomorrow

Present to Naudin
1 Tin Kettle
4 Knives
5 lbs Powder
15 bars Lead
38 plugs Tobacco
1 Steel
25 flints
} S & Co

121

125 of the Pillagers of Leech Lake arrived this day
60 " Sandy Lake — Mille Lac 40 — 250 women & Children

under the following Chiefs

" Cheonoquette
" Meschesaubooka
" Oldest Son —— Leech Lake
Buffalo
Porcupine
Son of Two Birds
Red Cedar
Hole in the Day
Strong Ground
Bears Heart
Sandy Lake
Rats Heart
Wahtap
Mille Lac
Naudin
Nayawaskung
Rums Rivers
Snake Rivers

Spent 120 R B & 120 lbs of Corn as they are on Special Business relative to the difficulty between them and the Sioux — unfortunately they fell in with 3 Sioux on the River near Cass River & after the great body of the Chippeways had left the spot where their friends had fell by the Sioux the days previous on the Canoe, & killed the Son of an excellent Indian of Mille Lac — The Father is now here & came down with the Widow & Child of his late Son who had been killed by the Sioux in April last. The Bolness & treachery of these upper Sioux is beyond forbearance and parralel in the history of Nations one more example, such as the one of 1827 must be carried into effect one that must at least — The Indians on friendly terms with all people about us the Sioux have been put to much trouble, their families leaving & running about for fear of a blow from the Pillagers —

This is a hard case with the friendly Sioux. I called them together this evening, & briefly stated my views & feelings & told them of the necessity of a prompt movement in this matter, & find out the dogs who killed one of their friends & bring them to me. — Annogenasiah asked for the Sioux Chiefs to come in to Council in the morning — This was agreed upon & runners sent to the Villages contiguous — The Indian families of Sioux blood had to leave their homes & come to the Fort last night — The Pillagers Chippeways being in great excitement — They held 3 Sioux in durance for a few minutes — but the friendly Chippeways released them. — So the movement of the Military was not required, & it was best

11th — Saturday ~~12th~~ July

At day light a violent & heavy rain commenced falling & continued most of the morning and until 7 oclk — This interfers with the meeting of the Sioux in Council as early as was expected —

It is unlucky that the Pillagers came down. I did not know until the arrival of Mr. Johnston at this Agency on the 28th of June that so many Chippeways would concentrate at this Post — The Chippeways state to me that runners had passed to all the Villages & informed them that they were to meet the Surveyor at this Post — We have had consequently the Lac Couteille, Fond du Lac Lapoint — St Croix Snake & Rum River Chippeways, & now 250 of the Leech Lake Crow Wing — Sandy Lake, & Mille Lac Chippeways — are here — & some from Red Cedar Lake. —

I Council convened Specially at the Agency at St Peters July the 11th Saturday 1835. Present the Agent Maj John Bliss Comdg & Several Officers & Citizens

The Chiefs of the Pillagers & 120 men Sandy Lake & 60 men Mille Lac & 45 men Total 225 & 270 women, & Children

Metchegaubo rose & said — To the Agent & Maj Bliss Comdg —

My Father I have come here for the purpose of seeing you it is not the first time, and I came to hear what news was going on. —

My Father — You have counceled me well at all times, you told me to behave well I have done so — but you see me to day & some of our people they are in mourning —

My Father I have at all times listened to you and in listening to your Voice — we have lost many of our young men but still I am inclined to listen to you. —

My Fathers I wish you both to listen to me as I have listened to you — you see all our marks this day — it was caused by your Children — they make every thing boody. —

My Father — when I started from home all your Children were quiet but your Children the Sioux are determined to make you ashamed — every thing is bloody — & they even make your very mouth bloody — I wish you could have these people taken up and given over to us — look at my body it is all bloody —

My Father I wish you to listen to me — you see all our people they look like black stumps — we started down for you to do something for our people & to try and scrape off some of the blood from our bodies —

My Father — I have not forgot the Council given to our people at Prairie Chien by your Nation, I recollect it, and you said you had soldiers

in the nation that would stop all difficulties and they were here for that purpose.—

My Father

I wish you to listen to me. I had a son in law and I loved him much - as a man I regretted and our people all regret his loss - I have no one to hunt for me I am getting old and I came down to see if you would hunt for me - and bring back the game which I have lost I had to depend on him to hunt for me and now I depend on no one but you.—

My Father — My Chief wished me to say that when he came down here he was well treated by the Sioux at this Post I have been well treated myself and I wished the Sioux about here to be in Council that they might know our sentiments

The Buffaloe next rose

My Father — I came down here for the purpose of seeing you and to hear what you have to say to our people, and what you say we will try and bear it in mind—

My Father — I am small but I feel strong - you advised some of our people to go on to the line and to make peace and I was among the first to go some bad wind came over us & has swept off our people like dry twigs from the tree - and I now know not what to do - see your children above how they behaved - they try to make you ashamed they bloody your mouth they bloody everything about you and I am yet one to listen to your words.—

My Father Ever since you came into this country

and it is now a long time - we have listened to you - and since your talk our people have all behaved well this you know.—

My Father — Here are the marks you gave us they are always bloody - I washed them often but it was as often made bloody again that I cannot keep it clean - I give you here 44 sticks the number of our people that were out hunting at different times for the support of their families and have been killed by your children above and among the people killed this spring I lost one of my cousins—

Metchigan Co - again rose

My Father — I wish you once more to listen to me. I have been trying to do every thing in our power to listen to you and so have our young men - you say that your children are alarmed about here - we did not come down here to have any trouble with your children.—

My Father - we cannot divide I do not think the young men will agree to it and when we leave we all wish to leave together - by the way you wish to divide us you may think we wish to do something bad on our return home - not so - no we have no such idea.—

My Father — I hold the words of our great Father there are some of your children above who do not listen to our great Father, and we wish to see them punished before we go home—

— Note —

As there were near 500 souls here & we could not feed them all It was proposed for all to go - leaving 25 men to await the return of the Sioux & ent Express for the 3 men who shot the Chippeway — * I rejoined here, & fully explained to all the Chippeways our meaning as above stated.—

Remark of the Agent

My friends & Children

I heard your words some 30 days ago by two of your people the Hole in the Day & one other of your principal men — Mr Renville was here at the time and they spoke to him of all that happened last Spring

My friends — I did not want to stop your line and sent word, & am pleased that you listened to me what I say & all that I do is for the good of all both you and the Sioux. —

My friends — I directed Mr Renville to send his son on to the line at the head of Long Prairie River or as far as Leaf Lake, there to meet your people on the line, and there to act like men, & settle the difficulty they had caused — The Sioux promised to go & do all in their power as the Nation wished for peace, & did not approve of the conduct of the few men who ran off & bit your people last Spring

My friends — For what has happened lately, and close to us you know we have listened to you, and I have started this day a number of the friendly Sioux after the Dogs who bit the son of one of our old & faithfull friends — If these people are of the village we suppose, our Indians will bring them, and you will see the bodies of the right ones who have done your people this Mischief —

My friends — You know me well, & what I did for you in 1827. If the murderers are at the Little Rapids they will be brought down — And if it is found that they belong to Lac qui parle. then I will call on your friend the commdg officer here to assist in having them taken — we will not loose sight of this matter for the Sioux ought & must be punished

12th Sunday July 13th 1835

There are this day 200 men 150 women 140 children
Total 490 Chippeways from Leech Lake —
Sandy Lake — Mille Lac — Red Cedar
Lake & Rum River —

I sent this morning to the Chippeway Camp & invited the Chiefs only with the relations of those persons who had lost their husbands and Brothers this Spring & recently by the Sioux — Prepared the following Present

Not to pay for the Dead but to soften down their feelings and give a favorable impression of us. & that they may return home without doing harm to any one — takeing into view the Situation of our Surveying party now exposed in the midst of their Country —

Viz 1½ pair of 3 pt Blankets
1. 2½ pt do do
1 pair 9½ pt do do
1 pair 1 pt do do
1 piece of Calico
5 yards of Blue Shroud
1 3/4 yds Scarlet Cloth
3 large Tin Kettles —
4 Large Tin pans —
6 Tin Cups —
1½ doz Knives —
1½ doz Glasses —

200. gun flints
100. pcs Lead
100. lbs Tobacco
2. lbs Vermillion
1. doz aport.d Combs.
1. Keg deposits Powder

Talks on the opposite page

The Agent to the Combined Chippeways

My friends

I sent this morning for your head men, and for the mourning Widows & Children, & their relations to come into my house. You are here and I wish to say a few words - open your cars & lend me your hearts that you may listen. —

My friends, I have heard your reasons & your views in paying me this unexpected & I may say mournful visit - I look around me to day and nothing is in my view but mourning —

I have sent for the dogs who bit you if they are where we expect them to be - the young Sioux sent for them will no doubt bring them

I have looked on your helpless women & children who husbands & Fathers have been lately killed by the Sioux and I have laid before you something to place over their shoulders - I cannot expect to cover the dead but my heart leans towards those in distress. I wish to do all that is good for your people, and cause the Sioux to behave as well as you do -

It is not for me to tell you what you ought to do I leave it to your own hearts - let us not be disposed to punish the innocent for the guilty - let all innocent persons pass. —

My friends - Some of you present know how I acted in 1827 - 2 of your people present received from my hands 2 Sioux & shot them — I gave them up to the Flat mouth and the Strong Ground. - 4 Sioux were given up & shot at that time - & you know what for - think of this and you will

believe that I am ready to listen to your complaints and do all in my power to give satisfaction -

My friends - You hunt on the Sioux lands and no matter if they agree to it - you ought not to trust them - last year you asked my advice and I gave you my opinion freely - not to go. — but you went, & lost 4 of your people. —

My friends - I have told you often that I was not your Agent and that you must not come here your Agent is at the Sault de S Marie — now as your lines are going on - you must remain on your own lands - if you had done this this last man would not have been killed at or above Aux Rivers —

I have told you over and often that I would give you nothing & would not be accountable for accidents on your way here - but many said they did not care - they would run the risque - that they wanted to see the Sioux & smoke with them - now you tell me you come to see what justice is to done for what you have suffered and that you were told by runners sent through your Country - to meet the Surveyor here —

My friends - You were wrongly informed we did not want you here - we only wanted deputations from your people a few from each band to walk along your line with the Surveyor and our people. — I heard that you were coming & as I said before I was sorry for it - too many of you come at once - we cannot feed you all nor can I give you anything reflect on this for it is true —

The Comy Officer as well as myself have talked over your difficulties with the Sioux yr neighbours You say we cannot Continue them and they do not listen to our Councils - it is true there are some of the Sioux who have neither ears nor hearts - this is the case with some people in all nations not only among the Red Skins but among the White People -

My friends you speak of the promise made all the nations at the treaty of Prairie du Chiens in 1825 we thought you a reflecting people and that after establishing your lines and all know his own that you would act like men of Sense - we are able to do all that was said at that Treaty, and if your great Father is roused you will indeed pass off like ashes before the wind -

My friends Your Great Father will have to Chastise his Children, and he may begin with the Sioux first - but when he begins at the head of the family he may perhaps not lay down his rod until all be made to feel its smart -

My friends - I must say that you are less to blame than the Sioux - there as some of their people who need punishment & I think when I speak they will not have cause to laugh - you say I alone am able to give you satisfaction - well as far as I can go to do you justice I will. on this you may rely - If the young men now out in quest of the dogs who bet you find them to far off - then I will speak to the Chief of the Soldiers -

My friends I can give you no more provisions - I now give you the last that I can give so you had better think of your Condition & get off to when there is game. - Some of you have said that as there were but few of you now - we might feed you - I tell you again I will not give you another ounce of provisions - 500 Sioux is not a few to be fed out of only 3000 Rations

No my friends the sooner you are off to where you can live the better for your families -

13th Monday July 13th 1835 -

Returned for 196 Rats Pork & 196 Pounds of flour - for near 500 men women & Children of the Chippeways. & on their delivery positively told the Chiefs that this Return was the last provisions they would receive of me - so they had better leave with their families & retire to their own Country above Sauk River where there was some chance of supporting them. -

Okah pee arrived from Lake Pepin grand Encampment He reports that it is true that a war party of the Chippeways of Lacs Deflambeau & Couteille attacked the men at the Saw Mill on Chippeway River some ten days ago. -

Wah ki ah Skou - from Lacs Traverse & Gui parle - reports all the Sauk gone to the Coteau de Prairie and the Sissetons encamped at Lac Traverse No war parties out. & all alarmed least they may be made to ask for their attack on the Chippeways in past April 1st 1835 -

The Pillager Chippeways - Sandy Lake & Mille Lac Indians dance at the Agency at the Fort

Gate & at the Sioux Camp — The main object to take leave of the Post & to shew the Sioux of this vicinity that they — having washed their faces of the Black & painted Red as an emblem of peace towards them and that they need not fear any harm — It is only the Wahpeton & Sussetton Sioux above who they dislike for their bad conduct —

The Chief Oldest Brother of Leech Lake said

My Father I am not known to you my road has occasionally been to Fond du Lac and sometimes to the Sault de Sthane to see the Agent I have generally been siting quietly at my Village and I am known to but few — the Whites with whom I am acquainted can testify that when I speak or say I can do a thing it is done —

My Father — I called to hear your words myself trusting to no one to convey them — I have heard much of you & what you have done for our nation I desire to hear you speak my ears are open to your counsels — I have a large Band among the Pillagers — I continue them. —

My Father — We came here on business it is the nearest point to arrive at what we wish — we are disposed for peace but the Wahpeton and Sussetton Sioux above are not so disposed and I am of opinion that they will not rest quiet until you make a few examples

My Father — We have a hard time of it in our Country with the addition of Wars — we can secarely support our families — our traders are hard in their prices — for instance we have to pay a mink for a plug of Tobacco — and two for for a handfull of Powder —

Our Agent is so far off that to visit him would be to Stame both going & returning around Lake Superior no man can stand it but the Whites who go well supplied with everything for a long voyage. —

My Father if your Councils are more attended to than any other persons it is because you have done more for my nation in the long time you have been here than any other man — all our people speak of this in their Councils — and they have you in their hearts —

My Father — I speak not from flattery I only speak from what I have heard — we are but little acquainted but speak my mind had we an Agent in our own Country we should be better off — I know we have no right to call on you for a plug of Tobacco & you have often refused even provisions to our people — yet for all they speak of you as their friend & protector —

My Father Perhaps I have detained you too long — I called on you before leaving that I might hear you & take back your words to our people — I have heard yesterday a part of your Talk — I like it — you have no Sugard tongue for any one — you come out with the truth plain and bold If all the white people were like you we could listen to them — Those we are acquainted with send fair promis & with a sugar mouth — but we see nothing after all. —

My Father — I take you by the hand we shall return as we came in peace, and what you have said shall be repeated to our people faithfully — and I rely on your exteons to give Satisfaction —

The Baffalo Indians Could confirmed the remark of the Chief & Spoke with considerable energy and earnestness upon the affairs of his people - the blow Struck by the Sioux of Rennville people - put us to Coasting about - and when we Should go. It was two for to go or Send to the Sault de Ste Marie our Complaints would be old before we could go & Come we decided at first to go to Ware - Then our Council decided to Send two of our most respectable Men to See you & ask your Council & advice - Then Men Saw you & brought back your words they were good - You Said to my friends it is true you have been badly treated - but let not this Stop your hands from being cleared - our people are now Marking off your lines - Then do not Spoil the good work -

You also Said you would have our enemies punished - we listened to this and were quite Then runners came through our Country & told us to Send deputations of our people to Detroit to Meet the Surveyor - when we heard this from our Agent on the Lakes - we thought it best to Come down here at once & Make our Complaints known & See what you could have done for us - we are here in a Starving Condition - I have not even a piece of Tobacco to Smoke - perhaps you thought Yesterday by what was Said that we were all going off Satisfied but my Father this is far from being the Case we are poor we are destitute of every thing and not a Charge of Powder - perhaps we may be Killed going back in the Same way we were Killed in Coming down here - this time ——

The Several Bands of Muscawkaton Swan Grand Main Dance at the Chippewa encampments and upon my Lines —

14 Tuesday July 14th 1835 —

Issued 65 Rs & 65 Pcs flour to Swan —

The Chippewa bands are not yet off - they seem hard to move. they are near 480 or 90 Souls present and are in a Starving Condition — I issue to these people near 500 Rats of Pork & flour - but as I get but 2000. for the Swan I cannot possibly give any more from their Small Stock —

I am of opinion - that as I can give no more & we wish them to go off at once & quietly - the Commd Officer could by issuing 2 lbs flour & One of Pork & at the same time sending it up to the Falls before delivery - that all the Chippewas 480 in number would at one Claim for the Falls & thence home would not disturb our men or provisions at the Spunk River no be induced from wants to Kill any one of our Cattle — our Surveyor is on the line our Military escort with him exposed - and as these people came here partly by Mistaken Messages & partly tho perhaps mainly for Arrears of Presents caused by the Swan - to send them off without attending to this latter item of Expenditure of provisions & Soothing them from Motives of policy - Situated as we are - I think wrong and some disagreeable result may be the consequence of this inattention to a trifling & simple matter to us but of vital im port to the Starving Multitudes — I have this day discharged my duty by Supplying them Rations to the Commd Officer May Bks - but he seems not disposed to take the responsibility of issuing 2 lbs of flour & 1 of Pork to these people on any ac

The Chippeways dance at the Trading Houses on the West of the St Peters and at the Sioux Camps - Presents, & civilities interchanged

At 1/2 past 6 O'clk this evening the Sioux & Chippeways requested me to call into Council by themselves

The Sioux commencement as follows

My Father we have been told by the friendly Chippeways that the Pillagers of the Leech Lake were determined to do mischief before they left we have been warned not to pass your house after night fall, & to secure our little Children the Chippeways had broken many of their canoes intending to do mischief & then go off by land

Metchigaubo - the Leader of Leech Lake & Several head men came in at this moment

Metchigaubo. Said - I wish you (Mr Campbell) to say to our Father & the Sioux that there is reported to some thing bad going on - but if there is any thing I have yet to learn it - Several of our young men have been sleeping in the Sioux lodges since they came here, and if any harm had been intended to the Sioux It is more than I know - Before leaving my house Metchigaubo - got up & threw his flag under the Table - saying my friends I put my flag under our fathers Table it shall stay there until I go off to shew you I tell the truth & mean no harm - when I leave I shall go off in open day - before every body

Wednesday July 15th 1835 -

Tremendous rain fell this morning at 1/2 past 6 A.M attended with wind - thunder & lightning -

Col Kearney - he was at the Village of Wabeshas a few days past with 200 mounted men - Wabeshas was at the Prairie with all his people - a few women only being left at his Village - Col K - had 60 or 70 Fox Indians in company with him.

The Chippeways 485. & near 500 souls still encamped at Cold water - The violent rain this morning preventing their moveing off -

From the third (3d) day of July up to this date we have been pestered with the concerns of the Chippeways - Thoughtlessly & improperly told to assemble here instead of being on their line - 626 men women & Children within the last 12 days - and yet 490 here. -

Indian Agency St Peters
July 15th 1835

Sir/

Some of the principle men of the Little Rapid band of Wah peton Sioux have just arrived from Prairie du Chiens and are at the Trading House of Mr H H Sibley on the other side of the St Peters, would it not be well to take three or four of them prisoner so as to render the delivery of the Sioux who killed the Chippeway recently near Crow River the more certain? -

Very respectfully
Yr. ob Servt
Lawd Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

Maj Mo Bliss U S Army
Comg Fort Snelling.

Meek E. Jan bo. } with the Pellager Chippewas
Buffaloe — &c &c } Called at the Agency to take leave
Porcupine & others } this morning after the late Storm
The Sioux was called in Council to make them sensible
of the friendship of the Pellagers

Metchejanbeah & the Buffaloe spoke first addressing their people
Then the Agent next the Sioux — & walked around &
took each Sioux by the hand — The Flags of the U.S.
was then spread at full length along the Room &
The S & C.s shook hands over it in token of continued
peace & friendship. —

A powerful appeal for a little more to eat — we are going off
to our homes my Father we shall be 14 or 15 days in
returning a mouthful before we leave is all
we ask we go in peace & take pride with all that
you have said. — 65 R.P. 65 R.P. dispersed

Hoagah poh arrived from Prairie du Chiens with 15 men
when they had been invited to go for whiskey
Col Kearney a letter from him from the Smiths Shop
of date the 9th inst — He had arrived with his
Command of Dragoons. 200 — & The Col among other
matters States that if his orders permitted he would
Come here. — Now is the time if ever to come —

I upbraided very severely The Eagle Head — for going
off to the Prairie after promising to go on to
The line with the Surveyor. May Bear
He appears that he had acted very much amiss
and was truly ashamed of his Conduct
He attempted to frame some excuse but
the further he went the worse it got. —
My Father he said — You advised us not to go below — there you
no doubt would laugh at us — in truth you
have a fair opportunity — we found nothing
from the message sent to us to go down —

Thursday 16th July 1835 —

The Indians from Prairie du Chiens have brought up whiskey
now there are 450 Chippewas Pellagers & if there
proper pains be taken by us — why then comes the water again
The Buffaloe & one other Indian of the Pellager Chippewas started
last night to go up to the Black dogs village to
see what was going on — he had smelt whiskey. —
I luckily fell in with him after night last evening
and told him to return to his Camp — that if he
went up to the village I would not answer his
life for one cent — that the Indians had whiskey

The Wisconsin Territory has One Council Body
" Walking Purchase — 2 Keys —
" Jah chunk wash tan the Clerk in Company —

I have made up my mind & shall shall assemble the Traders
for the purpose of Saying to them that under the Act of
Congress of the 30th of June 1834 — I will proceed to withhold
Licenses to trade with the Sioux to any Traders Creditors who
may hereafter go to Prairie du Chiens or any other designated
point for whiskey — Considering any Trader whose Creditors
obtain whiskey of him or them or through his or their means
either directly, or indirectly as not a proper person to be
or remain in the Indian Country under said Law
and shall enforce its provisions accordingly. —

For the introduction of Whiskey into the Indian Country by
the hands of either the Whites or Indians. can be prevented
if the Traders, or persons Concerned in the Trade — Choose
to do So — Knowing this fact as well as I do, and
the Source of all our troubles upon this Subject —

I feel confident in the hope of a final abolition of the
Whiskey Corrupting & debauching Trade as heretofore
carried on without answering any wise purpose
whatever — but of entailing misery upon the Indians
and unceasing trouble to the Agents of Government

S. B. Warrior arrived this day at 12 o'clk
4 Letters from Comr. Indn Affairs
2 from Supt Indn Affairs —
4 from Virginia friends —

Genl. Patterson — Sister, & Daughter passengers — also
Mr. Barbour — Wykoff — Hobbs —

These Strangers & the Gentlemen & Ladies of Fort Snelling
30 in number were invited & spent this every
at the Agency. —

The news of the attack of the Chippeways on the Mill
on Chippeway River the first of this
Month is not confirmed —

Friday July 17th 1835

Official note to Maj Bliss. 2 letters requesting troops
to be sent to the Sixes Village to take postages
or the Murderers 3 in No. who killed the Chippeway
near Crow River

I was sent for after Receiving Maj Blisses reply and
that he would send an Officer & thirty men
asked for my Interpreter who was sent with
the party —

I recommended & offered to employ the Steam Boat
Warrior now in Port for this purpose as the
Indians had Whiskey given by the Traders —
& the parade would be imposing and have
a good effect besides with rapidity &
without danger — Genl. Patterson & others approved
of my suggestion & plan but Maj Bliss objected
say it would have a War like appearance &c

I felt of a different opinion & so expressed myself
decidedly — I know the feelings of Indians

On the 11th inst Saturday I despatched several Indians
in quest of the Sioux Murderers — they were gone
until this morning & reported that they had
went on to Crow River & enquired at several
Lodges would learn nothing they then passed on
round by the Little Rapids & on reaching the 20
Mile Village the Sixes they found the Indians
dancing the Scalp dance — when some of the friendly
Indians broke their Drum & lied the Scalp —
The Indians who killed the Chippeway were found
to be of this Village & the party not being strong enough
had to return & reported as above on which
report I called for a Military force which was
furnished — I fear these fellows will go to Renvelles —

Saturday July 18 —

The Expedition to the Sixes Village Lt Ogden
with 30 men & my Interpreter left at
day light this morning — I wish the
Steam Boat had been their Conveyance
instead of Canoes — canoes left land taken —

The Warrior left at 8 o'clk this morning for St Louis
Genl Patterson Daughter & Sister & Mr. Catlin
& others passengers — I wish the Boat could
have been detained until tomorrow

The Chippeways hold on pertinaciously to see what
we will do in getting hold of the Sioux
I shall have to call on the Comdg officer
to secure them to depart on tomorrow —

Violent wind & rain last night flooded my house in
every room — we were as wet as if he had
been in the Storm — The S Boat was blown
from her moorings at the landing —
and brought up on West Peters —

I learn this day that it is probable our troops have not been on time for the murderers — and again I do believe the Indian party kept off until they had time to prepare & go off — as I get it to day from Shingass That the Indians cut up their corn as Velie'd & left early yesterday morning for Mr Renvilles —

Our troops on their in such case 24 hours too late —

An Indian woman called this evening and informed me that Lieut Ogden would be too late by a day as the last Indians of the Wahpetons were going off up to Renvilles place in company with the 3 bad men as the Natts and that the knaves of the cutting off their Corn so as to keep any others of the Indians from using it. Troops will have to be sent to Renvilles as there are several Indians there who are equally guilty among them Renvilles Brother in Law —

Lieut Ogden returned this evening with his Command & without the murderers or fugitives as was instructed — the whole village was off 250 and much of their corn cut up. —

— Sunday. 19th July 1835 —

I waited only Present Genl Patterson of Philadelphia with a Chippeway War chief Pleins & Pepe having nothing in the Shape of Indian Ornaments on hand at this time — Other Vessels this Spring having swept the country —

The Chiefs inform me that two Barrels of Whiskey are in the neighbourhood, & they have been invited to partake — on being asked where & from whom they got Whiskey Ans. From Mr Robelle at Prairie du Chiens — Given to some of the Indians for making good hunts and paying their Credits

Proposed by A Bailey while he was their Trader last Year at this Post — The usual permit given by him every season

Monday July 20th 1835 —

The Indians have been drinking for three days & their families Staveing —

Shunkah Chesteene — told him not to lend or dispose of his horse to Mr M as he was wanted match for the Draft with Kee mo kos - horse to be used at the Agricultural Establishment at Ponde ville —

But I should not be surprised if the Indians were for the sake of temporary relief to let his horse go off — — — —

Puinnanige & his Brother the Strong Ground with their families and 5 other Chippeways called at the Agency this morning and took leave — We conversed over the late difficulties - and explained every Step taken, and to be taken

Mr Geo Johnson - at their request I wrote a short letter to Mr J - stateing to him who they were and their Standing, and influence as well as their knowledge of the line. & might be of Service to him on his return - Retracing with Surveyor

Wrote to the Editor of the Bulletin at St Louis an touch on the beauties of this Country &c Water Power Products &c — and upon Indians & Indian Affairs — Sub Agency for the Chippeways —

Editor of the Galenian wrote to him enclosing $5 for his Paper - stating - that it was sent for Perusing the Hon M. Van Buren at the Head of his paper for the Presidency & R M Johnson for Vice do. also touching upon the introduction of Whiskey under the Auspices of the Am F Co's traders Sub Agent for the Chippeways &c &c

Tuesday July 21st 1835

Weather remarkably Cold for the Season — but little good Grass Cut this Season for the Support of the Cattle

I have been exclusively indisposed for two days & feel but little better this morning — Complaints of the Bowels accompanied with great uneasiness & pain —

Kelsyah. One Large Kettle Presented to him this day — #2.00 he belongs to the Agricultural Establishment & one of the Chiefs of the Village —

Macpenah Mahgah, and 32 Lacs from Lake Pepin — Arrived this day for their Annuity for 1835

The Chief Spoke of the Chippewa Mill affair — of the Cutting of Timber — of his boundary line &c

Issued to their people 33 RR & 33 ℔ of flour tomorrow

Wednesday 22d July

Macpenah Mahgah, and Band of Lake Pepins received their Annuity for 1835 — #120:30

#900 divided into 75 shares —

500 into 4 do — for Wakpanakootes —

Gave him a large Blanket to cover his mourning for a Child lost at Lake Calhoun

Then are three others yet who will receive some attention — Similar steps — & for good Conduct — Tah Chunk was to take — and some of his band were at the Agency — I spoke to them on the subject of their receiving whiskey & they told me all about it — & who gave it to them & where they received it & for what it was given — They spoke of their Traders I told them explicitly I blamed only their Traders & not them Some Traders were honest & upright & would as soon give them poisons as not — & none but bad men gave whiskey & that the Great Spirit was offended & would surely punish them —

Issued 25 RR 25 ℔ Flour to Agency

Thursday 23d July 1835

Indians continue drunk — all night & this morning — and on the most horrid mixture ever known — Seven Barrels will keep up this Scene for some days None to blame but the officers of the Am Fur Cy will attest

Narchewmah a respectable man of the Agricultural Establishment came for a Coffin to bury his child — this morning I called on the P. Master & he had one made —

Three yards of Calico given to cover the body. —

as it is usual to have a feast & convene the Relatives & friends — & put the feast first before them — but before these assemble to handle the body & convey it to the burying Ground, or Scaffold —

Issued to 20 men 20 RR & 20 lbs of flour —

Thunder Storms threaten this evening as Sun Sets — Black & gloomy

Friday 24th July

Issued 17 RR & 17 ℔ to the Avenue band of Sioux of Black dogs Village —

Gave an order on B F Baker for two gallons of Corn for a very old & Slavery Indian Woman: private a/c also for 40 lbs of Flour for the Flat Mouth Chiefs Village Pillager band of Chippewa private a/c —

Rain a heavy one this forenoon this is sufficient for all purposes this Season — Corn, & vegetables prospering

Letters written Genl W Clark to be sent by Wm Aitkin — also. Letters for my friends in Virginia —

— 1 for Indge Lockwood — Indians — Timber Chief Rice — 1 also for T. P. Shutt as to Cattle Supplies Bellot

(The Big Star — 2 Powder — 4 ℔s Lead 6 flints 1 comb 1 flags 1 Tobacco Pouch 2 do — 4 ℔s do 6 do — 1 do 1 do 1 Vermillion —

Anniversary Battle of Bridge Waters

Saturday 25th July 1835

Clowdy, and unpleasant weather this morning
Miserable Season for Hay. but little made
Joseph Reasch looses 5 hogs, 1. large 4 Smaller ones
by the hands of Sioux Indians. . . .
.2, belonging to the Sioux Village, 1. Indn Lake Calhoun
The Sioux have committed fewer depredations so for this
Season than for years past. 5 hogs or rather Shotes
appears thus far all the depredations reported
although the Am F Ops Traders have supplied
each Village plentifully with whiskey—
Lake Calhoun Indians- encamped in sight of the Fort
are to leave for their own Village on tomorrow
The Soldiers are geting whiskey—

Sunday 26th July

Clowdy & unpleasant again this morning- an unusual
" Season, and much complaint of Spoiled Crops
" 200 for Public & ~~150~~ 150. for Citizens 350 Tons
" required to winter horses & Cattle in this Latitude
Letters 3. to Genl Williams Clerk Superr of Indn Affrs
1st Sioux & Chippeways - Opinions of the Sioux
2. Report of Hon Secy of War & Secy Navy
3. S & C line & other Matter
4. Citizens entering Indn Country without leave
5 Request Revenue laws to be furnished
1. Letter to Majr I H Lockwood — Military
2. do to Tho S Stuart — for Oxcatle
3. James L Talliaferro Jr.
4. Mary L Talliaferro
5. Henry K Talliaferro —

Monday 27 July 1835—

I have 12 Antelopes of the Goats & of the faithfull
painting & good likenesses of Indians taken by
Mr Catlin. the Artist - " "
4. Sioux in their Costume
8. Chippeways including Woman & Child
Mr Catlin departed for Prairie du Chien this morning—
in a Bark Canoe with Corpl Allen only—
as an assistant on his voyage down—
Red River of the North - an arrival of several persons
Foreigners - from the Colony on Red River—
Bad Hail, & others called, and begged for provisions
For ten days past at intervals the men
have called upon me - & the women and
Children daily & hourly - I spoke to the B.
Bad Hail plainly & told him that as all his people
had been drunk for some days past &
were likely to continue so for 15 or 20 days
to come - I could assure him that he
might look to those from whom they
Got Whiskey to feed them that I certainly would
not - neither the men - women -
nor even their Children —
What with the Cattle, and the hogs of individuals
of this Post, I have lost nearly all
my little Crop of Corn, & Potatoes - Cabages
Turnips & OKD —

Tuesday July 28th 1835

The Canadian who reached here last night reports Reports that 20 families are now on their way & will be here in a day or two perhaps longer from the Red River Colony —

114 Souls in all — some have their cattle — pushing on into this country & to Green Bay &c

375, & 114 makes 489. Since 1821 that have passed this Post for Vevay & other points in the Several States —

Laundris Godfrey and Sophia Perry Married this day at my office —

Licenses Granted — to Joseph Renville Jr Lac Traverse
do: do Jos Renville Senr Lac qui parle —

Wednesday July 29

A Panther visited my house at ½ past 2 Oclk this morning an unusual noise & the fear of the Cattle & horses breaking for the 5th time into my Garden & Corn field induced me to be on the on the Alert — and I was just up in time to save our young dog — from the Beast —

Circular letters addressed to the Trading Community at & near this Post notifying all concerned of a regulation as to doing work by the Tracky Smith &c — That none could be done for any work claimed by them — out of the hunting Season — that during this Season no distinction would be made

Storm of wind with lightning and some rain again this evening — very high wind and Cloudy last night

Great Medicine dance at the 7 mile Village this day — 2 Kegs & a half of Whiskey

Eu high nasiah gave the entertainment —

Thursday July 30th 1835

Chaa tuzzee — shot his pistol at Tookah Mahzah & but for a woman close at hand the ball would have taken effect — She with Quickness and great presence of mind knocked up the Pistol & the Contents gained the head of Tookah Mahzah

Whiskey & some old grudge as I learn from M — d was the cause of the attack —

Two Boat left this day — for upper St Peters Lacs qui parle and traverse am & Cpys outfits. —

Arranged & put my office in order this day. —

Visited by Several Indians

Wah made Tunkah Chief & Wahkon Tunkah

Presents made — to some 15 or 20 others —

Friday July 31

Emigrants from Red River arrive this morning having Their Carts & oxen with loads of various Articles

50 or 60 head of Cattle & some 20 or 25 horses —

At this rate the leaves of One & two hundred Souls at a time with their property will reduce the numerical strength of Gov Simpsons Colony to an alarming extent he will have only the half bloods & the Trading Community left —

Rev Mr Stevens — purchased two horses of the Emigrants for 40 & 35 dollars each —

Mr H H Sibley bought also 3 Horses

Mr Ogden of the Fort bought one horse

Maicpee weechastah & deputation of Sioux called at the Agency this day a Small Present to him

Kocmoeko called also on a visit — I gave him a Note to the Comg Officer on business as was reported — about some woman having stolen Corn from the Mill —

Saturday August 1st 1835

Some of Irish portion of the Emigrants Sell a portion of their oxen at $50. pr yoke - & a horse 13 years old at $40 — a good Sale considering the County has now a good Supply - & more have arrived both in horses, & Cattle than are needed —

All the Indians of the Eaton Ville Agricultural establishment on Lake Calhoun - who were Scattered on visits to other Villages - are now going home to be ready take care of their Corn Potatoes - Squashes &c &c

It is reported that a part of the Sixes band and Some of the Wahpeton Sioux of the Little Rapids Drove off a yoke of oxen from the Red River people The Indians were Starving - from recent drunk=ness by whiskey brought up from Prairie du Chien

All our evils of Indian acts of an improper nature except their wars may be traced to whiskey - and Still the Am F Cpy traders will give it —

Sunday August 2d

Several Sioux arrive at the Agency this day, and report That from the long absence of two Lodges of the Wahpeton Sioux of the Little Rapids hunting on a small branch of Crow River - they must be cut off

Wah.Kon.dee.du.tah went up to see them on account of Some of them being Mr Wells Creditors, and that he ought to have been back some days ago - An Indian woman Crossed the trail or trace of a war party of 60, or 70 Chippeways going in a direct line to the 2 Lodges in question

I this be the fact it was formed of Chippeways returning from this Post on the 17th of June - as some 300 left for the Upper Mass at that time

Monday Augst 3d 1835

Mr Robert Campbell of Red River called at the Agency to enquire of John and Ananias Tully - nephews of his - taken prisoners 12 years ago by the Sioux —

Two men Michael Killcole an Irishman & Joseph Jerpah called & reported the loss of their yoke of oxen at the Little Rapid by the Sioux Indians — being Emigrants from Red River & no law bearing upon their case - I wrote a collection paper for the Officers & Citizens to give a mite —

Subscribers names

Maj Bliss gave	$5 =	B. F. Baker	$2
Lau Taliaferro	3	Mr Kelson	1
Maj G Loomis	3	Lt Ogden	2
Capt Day	2		5
	13 -		

$18 = in all

Several would give nothing to these men with 14 Souls in family - I have named the persons who were so kind as to do Charity when it was truly needed

If the Indians had not been drunk not a hoof of all the cattle from Red River would have been lost The Am F Cpy have permitted the Indians to get more whiskey, and to a greater extent this year than for Some two or 3 years past — I hear of it from Wabeshas Village below Lake Pepin to Lac Travers. —

I bought of Mr R Campbell a small Yoke of oxen for $35 = The Emigrants have sold 10 horses & 50 head of oxen & cows to the Citizens & officers of the Post - & on the whole have done very well - with their property —

Tuesday August 4th 1835

Passports asked for the following persons now at Red River & desirous of emigrating to the United States.—

1 John McLain & family
2 Donald Livingston & family
3 James Livingston & family
4 Neal Livingston & family
5 Frederick McBeath & family
6 Samuel Henderson & family
7 Robert Smith & family
8 John Sutherland & family
9 George McBeath—
10 John McBeath—
11 Robert McBeath—
12 John McCentire & family
13 John Sutherland Jr
14 John Sutherland Jr Esq
15 Alexander Matherson & family
16 Alexand Benderman & family
17 James Murray
18 Donal Murray
19 Donald Benderman & family
20 William Benderman & son
21 John Flatt
22 Rober McCoy, & family
24 William McCoy
25 George Monro & family—
26 John Matherson & family
27 Angus Matherson & family
28 Alexander Matherson
29 Alexander Rose & family
30 David Esson & family

31 Donald Sutherland & family
32 Alexander Sutherland & family
33 Alexander Pulson & family
34 Archibald Spence & family
35 James Whitewith & family
36 John Livingston & family
37 Neal Livingston & family Jr
38 James Frazier & family—
39 James Ingster & family
40 James Ingster Jr & family
41 John Ingster & family— Total 41 / 5 / 205—

All the foregoing are Scotch from the NE of Scotland

Peter Hayden is to call at the Agency on his return from Illinois & Prairie du Chiens for the Passports in question—and by him to be delivered to those of the Red River Colony wishing to remove into the United States.—

It is believed by the Scotchmen now here that some 120 Canadians will join the Scotch when they leave the Red River Settlement, and further they are decidedly of opinion that the Colony will in 5 years be finally broken up and deserted by all those whom the Earl of Selkirk first took to Hudsons Bay, & to Pembina—with all those who have since come over from Europe—as they are at all times fearful of the Half breeds & the Crees & Kenistinoes—having been of late years frequently laid under heavy contributions by this combination.—

Wah Kee on Tunkah—Sent the Interpreter to see if he could present his pipe in behalf of the wishes of his people—beging for provisions—the orders forbid

Wednesday August 5th 1835

The Indian report by the Sioux of 15 of the Wahpeton Sioux of their tribe having been cut off by the Chippeways passing up the Miss from this Post on the 17th of July - proves to be false - The murdered Indians have all returned from Crow River well and with their Scalps on - ready for a drunk of whiskey - in store for them at the Little Rapids -

Patah Eu hah Chief. & 30 men
Annogenasiah 2d. — 5 women } Total 37
Hoeyah pah 3d. —

The Chief remarked —

My Father - I told you when here this spring that I should be absent for a short time - while I was with the traders at Lac qui parle I heard some bad news at my village, and I hastened down to see what was the matter - finding things not as bad as was reported I tarried at my lodge a few days & then this day came to see you -

My Father - It is late - we have paddled hard all day to see you we wish a mouthful to eat this evening and in the morning we shall be ready to hear you and to give you our ideas. —

Annogenasiah Said My Father - after what took place here this Spring - I felt ashamed to to see you & I suppose you felt so too -

I am here to day only as a soldier our Chief you see has returned to his people and I have nothing more to do than the duties of a soldier —

I hope you wont forget what I have said to you as I dont forget your words - the Flag you gave me I will die with it in my hands —

Thursday August 6th

Patah Uhah & his head men 35 in Council
also arrived this day the Lake Indian
Marcpee — 25 men 10 women Total 70 - in Council
Indians at the Post Seeking Credits 215 - S. 95

Patah Uhah Spoke & Said

My Father we have called to express our sentiments some bad things have happened but I hope you will think of our situation and pass it over in your mind if possible —

We have some evil disposed people in our village - they are among the relations of the late Chief (Shakope) I hear of a good deal of bad talk flying about but I take no notice of it neither from the Indians nor the white people - I hope hereafter you will have no cause of Complaint as to our Village. —

Annogenasiah Said

My Father I wish you to listen to me - after a long time your nation have commenced to work off the line between our nation & the Chippeways we are called the Seven fires - & we here are a part of these fires —

We wish our Great Father to keep the Chippeways on their own lands if this is done, and our lands marked we may have peace - but not before - all the difficulties you see happen on our own lands - our people will not permit this

I have suffered I lost my best friend by them & my Brother was turned over by your people - his hands were tied & he was cut up & thrown in the River

have I ever asked for a Chippeway to be turned over to me for any of these things - no. I have been for peace and you know what I have done to preserve it —

My Father— The Chippeways are throwing down the land marks put up by Maj Beans— the Surveyor I do not know what this means— we do no do this although in many parts our line runs too far on to our lands— we wish to put up with what is done— so that what little land we have may be kept clear—

My Father the Chippeways I am very friendly with they know me— but they have trading on their Lands, & our great Father as they seem to want a Father in their own Lands might let them have one— so as to keep them off for I know the trouble they give you— but it is worse for us as our poor Indians in their coming and going back home again— they encamp and hunt a long time on the small Streams

Friday August 7th 1835

Mr Duncan Graham— States to me that about the 13 of June some of his old friends were met by him at River Raisin below Lake Peppin— with Eight Barrels of Whiskey— he asked them if they were taking it up for the Traders as their appeared to be so much. They replied no. that their traders at the Prairie du Chiens have given it to them— He has stopped for the night with his Raft of timber— & went to their Camp by invitation—

Tah Chunck wash taa— Wahzee O'munno— Tah taa mo Eyah & of Pemitions Village
Mahzah koh tah & others of the Black Dogs Village & Mile & 7 miles up
Hoeyah pah, & others of the 24 mile Village— The Fires
Mah Kah See ah munno & others of the Little Rapids
Wah na Tah's Brother of Taa Kamee—
& others Broken arm from Bois Brule & Teaumeus Lives
with them from Prairie pleasant Lac qui parle—

Louis Provencalle Licenced to trade at Kamee as soon

Saturday August 8th

Macpee wee Chestah
Kee ji ah ta, and
Koc Ka Moc Ko.
} Chief of the farming Establishment at Eaton Ville on Lake Calhoun and 45 families— came to see me—

The Chiefs Said

My Father we came into your house this day for the purpose of having a little conversation on our affairs and of our people—

We have been now 4 years going on pretty well, you first put us when we are in 1828— Seven winters ago we were but few then only two families— Now we are 45 in all and more coming— your hand done us great Charity and we know it and feel it and we come Now to say we thank you—

We wish to do well— we want you to ask our great Father to assist you for in doing this we get the benefit— we want some persons to help us to put up Strong houses and to build houses under ground like the white people so that our women can put our Corn & Potatoes where they will be Safe for the Winter— we had now rather have houses than not as we wish to stop hunting as our game is all gone nearly and live like the white people—

We have many Children & we wish you to assist us to manage them— You have been with us so long that you can now do as you please with our people, and now can say any thing for what you wish to do will be right—

Our trade with soon be put a stop to— and we want to do some good before that day, or we shall suffer we wish to get a good supply of Ploughs, hoes axes & tools of all Kinds— to go on with after the next five years— we wish to be assisted in Saveing all we can & wish Strong houses to put our Things in to keep them from loosing their

Reply of the Speech to the foregoing

My friends -

It is time we have known each other now for Seventeen winters - I saw your Situation and felt for you - in my heart, & in my pocket -

If I have your thanks for the little that I have done for your families - Your saying so in Council pays off your accounts in full - & I am in your debt -

The Great Spirit only - Knows all my acts, & intentions, what foolish people say I am proud you keep your ears shut to - You are Slaves to none but the Great Spirit above the Clouds - and he is an easy Master and a good one if we do what is right on this earth -

I will ask your great Father to listen to the voice of his Children who wish to open the earth - and you may be assured that he will not turn from you - He has a large heart & his Words Strong for all his Red Children and the more so for those who listen to his counciles & Keep a bright Sky over their heads -

You have done well for some years and have not felt the pain of seeing the prosperity of your families - hold on for two years more - and then you will find a permanent home for your selves & for all your Relations when we who are living are dead & gone to the Great Spirit above - and they will think of us & the good we did for their benefit, & Long our praises to their Children's Children -

You must forward your Children as we do - it will make great men of them, & not hurt their spirits, and when they become men of Sense they will thank us - What we make by our hands must not be destroyed In a short time I hope to have permanent homes for all who are now at the Falls & to every year add a house or two as our towns increase in Strength -

My friends - This year you will raise 1000 bushels of Corn at your new place - and next year where the School is now being established a new form will be opened for Gardens & Small farms - so that you will have two places to raise things to eat

Keep up good hearts & follow the examples of the whites only in industry and Saveing - but in nothing else - let whiskey alone as you have done now for 3 years & you will be happy - while Others who play the fool will perish before your eyes - & be like the Beasts of the Earth

We can do as well as other Nations - we have begun well let us Continue and your exertions will be rewarded in the end with peace & plenty -

I wish take care that you are well supplied with tools -

Sunday 9th August 1835

Ioh chunk ah dutah & family - Shakespear the Seizes 2° Lowcalled on me with his family - after some remarks as to his Uncle's & Cousins concent in Seizing the Chippeway on the 9th of July - He condemned their conduct in the most decided Manner - & Said - my Father 4 years ago. The Hole in the Day a Chippeway Chief. Killed one of my Sons & wounded another who died a year after - I took up this - & at the same time. the Chippeway came & gave himself to you - but he had a Stony heart - & I could not see him harmed altho he caused me much grief for my lost Son - I told you then that it was finished & I have Kept my word to this day - I was the man to complain - & not my relations -

Presents 2½ yds Blue Cloth, 3 Calico Shirts
1 3° Tin Kettle, 1 Shirt
4 lbs of Lead, 1 1½ Pts Blanket
2½ lbs Powder, 2 lbs Tobacco
10 Gun flints, 2 Com Combs -
½ Skein Thread, ½ doz Needles

This day Sunday is the 4th day of exstreme warm weather and the only very warm season Since the Spring — Corn — Green Corn has been in use Since the 4th inst — Some of the Indians fields are Still backward and of late growth — but better corn —

Wild Rice is plenty in some places — but the Indians Say Some of their old Swamps are destitute this Season of this indispensable Article of food

Wah Skoda — from the Fox of Lake Pepin with a Small deputation 10 persons — arrived this evening and as it was late — he desired to have Some provisions for the night & to morrow he would give me his Views, and causes of his unexpected visit

Monday 10th August 1835 —

A Communication from Maj J. L. Bean dated the 3d inst near The Sauk River — his Survey had been extended to the Otter tail Lake — & he had been Compelled to leave this important work half finished in Consequence of the desertion from him of his Military escort & Chippeway Interpreter left him 4 days after powering him — & departed with the Escort

Lieut Stover — returned with the Military Escort which had been assigned to May Bean the U States Surveyor on the S.d.C. here on the 17 June — having been absent 54 days —

The party reached Otter tail Lake Portage & down it to the Red River & there from various causes and circumstances — the Escort determined to return and left the Surveyor and his party to retrace their Steps

May Bean on the night of the 10th of July had a fine Mule Stabbed, & One horse in his camp Seine by a lurking party of Mounted Sioux — both died the Mule died almost instantly —

Tuesday 11th August 1835

Mr Prescott reports that — there is 1 Bl Por 1 y flour 1 y — Beans — at the Falls — for my use use some Indian Squaws left of them formerly Maj Bean

I sent word for the Corps at the Falls of St Anthony to receive them for me — until I could send up — No more than a verbal list furnished —

Message of the Flat mouth Chief of the Pillagers Chippeways to the Agent at Pelan — August 3d 1835 — Spoken at Sauk River & sent down by Lieut Stover — Geo Johnson Interpreter

My Friends

I have come down to the Sauk River not with a View of Meeting you, as I intended returning from this place — I will endeavour to listen attentively to your words, and I will look down towards you. — and you will Say the truth when you have taken all the bad men who have made our lances bloody

The advice you have given me heretofore to make our way Clear will be attended to: on condition that you prove Successful in taking those who have done the bad deeds — I hope that you will tear up the Rivers to prevent your traders from taking Ammunition in the Country to the Sioux — I wish that this Should be read by yourself and by My Military Father — If news does not reach me of your Success Soon, you will See me at Pelan — Do not Send your talk Through an Indian Messenger: I expect that you will write to me So that I may be directed What to do in the case of your powerful Success in obtaining the murderers — I wish again that the Commanding Officer at Pelan would read this in

Concert with yourself

Your friend
Flat Mouth
"

K B.

All that you sent by my young men reached me — but I did not see any of it
Flat Mouth
"

Enclosed the original to Maj Bliss Comd Officer
Agency Fond Du Lac
Sir August 11th 1835

I herewith enclose to you the Mespaw of the Gulle Platte (Flat Mouth) Chief of the Pillager band of the Chippewas of Leech Lake. He requests that you Choose Lee G, and learn its contents — It was delivered through Mr Geo Johnston recorded by Lt Story at Sauk River, and handed over to me — I am of Opinion that no good can result by the Chiefs contemplated visit to this Post upon the business to which his Mespaw refers, and to guard against this contingency I made to him a written & Special Mespaw by Metchijanbaah (or the Leader of Leech Lake in which it was impressed upon him to remain on his own lands, and not by any means to visit this Agency declaring to him at the same time all that had been done, and what was in contemplation upon the subject of the Murder of his person by the Sioux as also what was required of the Government of all Concerned

Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt Svt
Lawe Balcaferro
Indn Agent
Ar Pelas
"

Maj John Bliss
U S Army
Comdg
Fort Snelling

Some appearance of Rain at 6 o'ck This evening —
Wah Koota Left for the Lower Sioux — he wished to
Know if he was considered as attached to
Wabashaws Band — He was informed that he
was — and That I had no business with him
He replied that it was all he wished to Know — as he had
been for some time living alone with a part
of his People at the Grand Encampments below
Lake Pepin — I replied —
If you return to the Village of your Father at the head
of Lake Pepin — you will again be under my care
but as you Selected 3 years ago Wabashaws band
as a residence and have been paid upon
his pay Roll your Annuity Same that time
of course You must visit Prairie Chien —
Wednesday Augt 12th 1835 —

30 Head of Cattle driven out of my inclosure This morning
at day light — My Corn generally destroyed &
Potatoes mostly pulled up — by Cattle belonging
to Several Citizens of this Post who own too many
Mr Bates 2 Cattle 5 Dean 1 — Messrs 2 — Papin 1 —
Perry 16 — & Others of persons not Known —
I saw and assisted in driving out these Cattle & Know them
this is the 4th time these Cattle have leveled my
Fence with the ground & finally eaten & Broken
off the remainder of my Small Crop — {Chunk & Corn Too}
Tahchunkmunetah Reports — Manepeah Keetah & Tah
I was on the Des moines — We had 4 encampments
(The Sispetons — with Grey Eyes Chief) (The Wahpeetons
with Mooseomonah Chief) The Wahpaatolaas with
Tahsangan & Skush Kah mah — Keeyah and
Appahhohtah Chiefs) Thirteen Lacs Monnaie

Came to our Encampments - when the Suspetors declared their intention to murder them We had great trouble in Saveing them - I felt it my duty to assist in preventing trouble which incensed the Suspetors So much much that after we had with the assistance of Tah Saupah, Skuskkahnah, Keeyah, Ahspahotah, The Sleepy Eyes - Kah hee Madoh Kah - The Cloud that ——— & Others good men I had my horse & two dogs Shot & the others had all their dogs no 25 Shot by the Suspetors —

A Suspetor during the affray Shot at a Sauk & if his gun had not been Knocked of by he turned round & Shot as the ball made a furrow through his hair & Skin - for this The Suspetor was Severely beaten in presence of the Sacs - So much so that his life is dispaired of

I approve of this decision on the part of the principal men - Keeyah chief - having his Medal on the neck of one of the Sauks, & Sent them all off ——— I held a long talk This day on this and various other Subjects connected with the affairs of the Sioux Nation the running of their lines - the return of the Surveyors the Killing of two of his horses on the line - supposed by the Suspetor Sioux of the North also the probability of a renewal of the war with the Chippeways - The views of the government & other matters touching the internal & external affairs of the Sioux and neighbouring tribes

Present head men

Wah made Sunkah ——— Makpiah Kah Kah
Mupon wee chas kah nee ——— Tah chun cundatah
& Several others ——— ———

Thursday Augst 13th 1835

Death of Winona - departed this day - She was 17 years old and for a short time a resident of Lake Calhoun Married at 16 & her husband left her & never returned She declined became consumptive & speedily died -

I saw her on the 14th of July at the Agency - looking on languidly at a feat dance of the Sioux & Chippeways - She excited considerable interest with a large No of Ladies present from the Mess and interesting by mild - but Melancholic appearance

Had according to Indian Custom to present her Uncle with a new Blanket, 3 yds of dark Calico - 15 yds worsted binding for grave clothes - A coffin prepared ——

16 Rats Pork 16 Bags of flour - for a feast to attendants ——

Mr Sibley returned from Cannon River - & Mr Sibley also. Mr S had been there to hunt for Rat Skins & other proper Sioux last fall in the bed of that Stream - partially Successful

Friday Augst 14th

Nasiampah and 10 Indians of the Pine Bend band at the Agency this days They Sioux in quest of credits from the Traders and every party beg of me Provisions ——— 6.000 - Rations a Small Supply would however be sufficient for this Agency & give case to my Operations in this Season of expenditure with So many Visitors — I am compelled $556. only of Presents instead of $800 - I am pained in this also It is a pity Matters cannot be better understood & a fairer distribution of the $5.000 - pr Ann - Made to the more needy & important Agencies & where there Sioux are by law destined to be employed. ———

The Suspetors, and Wahpaakoota Sioux on their way to this Agency from the Desmoines, & Iowa's des Sioux - to receive their portion of the Annuity for 1835 —

Saturday August 15th

Considerable Rain fell during this morning which was much needed — bad Hay Season

Post Orders

Hereafter no Indians, or Citizens will be permitted to enter the public gardens except by Special invitation of a commissioned Officer — Signed by Order of Maj I Bliss Comdg —

Signed E A Ogden Lt & Actg Adjt 1st Infy —

Citizens never had business in the Potatoe, and cabbage patches of the Officers — that we know of —

In substance the foregoing is the order as I am informed It used to be a matter of Etiquette with some of the former Officers Comdg this Station — in all cases where the Citizens and Indians particularly were restricted or refered to in any manner — The Adjt was directed to furnish the Indian Agent with a proper extract — to the end that it might be placed in his powder to instruct & direct those of his Dept to observe, and conform to the Orders in question which of course is the proper channel as far as it regards the Indian intercourse at least — But I am generally left to find out the views & determinations of others and to act accordingly —

Keiyah, and party of Wahpaakoota Sioux arrive At the Agency this day in quest of their Annuities

A letter handed by Keiyah from Lt Colonel Kearney of the " " Dragoons dated Camp on the Plains July 30th 1835 —

I issued 17 Rats of Pork, and 17 Rats Flour to this Chief & " " party of Wahpaakoota Sioux for one day —

Wah nac son toh, and 45 of the Wah peeton Sioux of " " the Little Rapids arrived this evening —

" " I issued 40 Rats Pork 40 Pds of Flour to his people

Total arrived this day of Wahpaakootas — 18

" " of Wahpeetons — 45

Total 63 —

Sunday 16th August 1835.

Eselah Kenbah — and 45 men arrive for their Annuities
Big Walker — The assemble and Dance in front
Kah hee madoh Kah — of the Agency — Total 45

Tah saugah — with the Wahpaakootas — 50 - 5 - 55 — Total
S Kush Kah nah

Keeyah & party — 17

Wah peeton Sioux Wah nac son toh — 40.

Total present this day — Total 157 —

Maj Bean arrived at the Agency this evening from Rum River —

Mr D Cambell — Interpreter on S & C line also —

Mr Johnson joined Maj Bean at the 14 July. Stayed 4 days & left

Monday 17th August

19 miles this side of when turned back this side of the Lad Lake

Wahpa Sioux —

Tah saugah & Band paid — Annuity 275

Keeyah — 120

S Kush Kah nah — 105

amt — 500 —

Eselaken bah. Lupeton paid on large Role $118.50

1 plong. 4 doz axes. 4 doz Hoes. — &c

The Wahpaakootaa Sioux were asked in what they wished their Annuity paid in 1836. next payment

The Chiefs — Tah Sauga. Keeyah & S Kush Kah nah

In emphatic terms said goods — we get a Ketta with our own money for 8 Rats that we pay our Traders. 60. for — we were fools once but our eyes are now open — we always now want good —

Received a letter from Mr Sibley upon an unexpected subject and one never dreampt of by me — I answered his letter according by — Indians feel disposed to misrepresent — sometimes to please or vex or to make up a good story to tell their Traders — anything to form & excuse for delay or want of inclination to hunt —

Tuesday 18th August 1835

In council at the Agency this day
" Tah sanjah Chief of the Wah paakootaas
" Keeyah do do
" Skush kah nah do do

Tah sanjah Said

My Father — I have called in after receiving my annuity for this year to say a few words to you — For years my Father came this way & you knew him well he you know has left me & you placed me in his shoes how far I have fulfilled my duties to you & to my people their conduct will speak —

My Father — our people met your troops on our lands we also saw some of our old enemies — our people felt as if they ought not to be on our lands we treated them well & sent them off — but It is my wish and also of all my people now present as well as those at our Villages that will will be compelled to stay on their own lands — once more we ask you to write to our great Father & let him know that we can keep the peace — but the Sacs & Foxes cannot —

My Father — you know we are few now — the Sacs & Foxes have cut us off — 264 of our people are bleaching on the prairie caused by their wars — yet we are determined to be at peace — they call us women well they may — we will smile at their remarks & look still to our great Father for protection

Every year — sometimes twice in a season they are working out for us on our lands — this is horse and we complain to you to see that they are stopped — they have their own lands — why dont they stay on them —

Keeyah Said

My Father — we are but few in number of the Wah paakootas — & we wish to keep our lands clear and as you have said let have one side free of trouble at least — I am of your opinion — If the North is bad — we in the South ought to keep our lands from causing trouble to you as as well as to us. —

My Father — Our people are called the Seven fires but we are in different bands and occupy our lands in different places — The wars with the Chippeways by some of our nation caused their lands to be bad — now we are less troubled they want to hunt on ours — but if they wish to do this — they ought not to behave amiss —

My Father — I thought I should have been the first to let you know the news from our Country — but it appears you heard of a thing that took place soon after it happened — and our conduct in preventing trouble we hear has pleased you — and we are also pleased that you are so. —

My Father — This letter from Col Kearney will tell you of my sentiments when I met him and also of my having given My Medal to a principle Fox Indian to shew him I was friendly and wished them to be so. — They spoke of peace & said the Sac Chiefs sent them to make peace I told them we were never the aggressors — if they wanted peace they could have it — but I feared they could keep the peace nor at the same time keep off our lands. —

My Father I was pleased with what you said to the Suspetons this morning — if they wish to hunt on our lands they ought to keep quiet & not bring trouble on us. — we cant submit to have other people now bring us in trouble we are for peace.

Skenkahwaka- also Spoke and Stated that his people had listened attentively to my words from people Spoke of Works- his people have none- but nevertheless- they attended to the Counsels given them as faithfully as if they had all the paraphenalia of Soldiers—

Our Chief you know my Father- went with you to the City of Washington town years ago. and we have been looking that way ever since but he has never returned- I had one of my people shot him by the Chippeways in 1827- for doing a bad thing- he did it and deserved his fate- I merely Spoke of these things- to let you see we think nothing of them- but shall continue to do as you wish-

Wednesday 19th August 1835—

Wrote a letter to Mr. Geo I Johnson- by Joseph Rock

to deliver his hors & take the mule sent in his Stead- & his receipt should be carried as there is a misunderstandeng as to his employment

Mr I Johnson was leave for the Chippeway River in a Canoe this a.m. to meet Mr. I Johnson at the end or rather beginning of the Line when he is expected to return to this place-

James Wells called this day & Stated that his License had expired yesterday the 18th, and desired to know if he could obtain another before hearing the decision of the Dept as the Express had not arrived and his business was suffering—

I remarked that the loss of 4 days was of no Consequence The Express would be here on the 20 or 21- certainly as the Dept would have had sufficient time to act- if the decision of the Dept did not reach me by this mail- I would then Consider his case and act accordingly—

Thursday 20th August 1835

Mr I Wells called again this morning- and as the Express had not as yet arrived. I told him that If I did not by this mail hear from the Dept as to his Matter- I would grant him further permission to trade— but that he must await the expected mail—

Agency House Miles
August 20. 1835—

Sir/

Being desirous of having as perfect a knowledge as possible of the Country through which the expedition passed with the Surveyor of the S.t C. line- I should like to have a Copy of the report of Lt Slaver which may compare all that could be obtained upon the Subject—

Having had to make disbursements as well as to furnish the means of transportation, and the employment of Interpreters &c it is desirable also to learn the face of the Country. length of time taken in passing from points to points &c &c all of which it is presumed may be embraced in the report referred to, and should this request not be incompatible with your views of the Subject- I should be pleased to have a copy as soon as may be practicable—

Very respectfully
Your mo Ob.t Ser.t
Lawd Dalliforro
Recev Agent
At Miles

Major John Bliss
A.S. Army
Comd.g Fort Snelling

Sent the above letter by Pasqua— to the Comd.g Officer Addressed a Note to Lt McClure requesting permission for the hired men of the Agency— Those who had permission at the Post have now none— I shall be compelled to send all my hired men with a Boat to Praire des Chiens— to obtain Supply for the Coming Winter- Work has often ceased for want of food— An order from the

Com^{ny} Genl of Subsistence forbids the Sale of Provisions to Citizens - and at the Posts. The Civil Dept of the Government are considered of the Class allowed to. Consequently the Sutlers here of the Indian Dept cannot get Provisions of the 4/5 Com^{ns} of Subsistence as formerly, and then are no provisions - for Sale by the Traders or Others. —

Indians - Several of the head men from four Villages called at my Office to visit Maj Beau - then Survey of the S & C line - asked him several questions - among them whether he had not found beyond the Mississippi - much of the line pass through a Swampy Country —

Maj B - in reply to the latter observation told them that there was much low ground, and many Small Lakes & water courses & much difficulty in seeing - but that he had gone on with his Survey more rapidly than he had expected & could have finished the line this Season in time to correct his lines by the 1st of October —.

Friday August 21

The Mail (Express) arrived at last from Prairie du Chien after a passage of 13 days instead 7 or 8 — no very important news — The Papers contain but little —

Death of Chief Justice Marshall - return of Mr Livingston from France His correspondence is interesting with Senegny & others He has ably conducted his mission - as was expected — and deserves the thanks of the President & of the Am People

Letters - Circular to - Indian Traders - on the Act of 1834 the Trade of any person whose Credentials for whiskey stopped

Directing a letter to Maj Bliss - requesting a copy of the Report of Lt Steven - late Comm^{r} of the Military Escort with Survey of S & C line —

Reply - that a copy could not be furnished but that it might be seen at the Office

Saturday 22^{d} August 1835

Joseph Rocque - pass him $20. for the hire of his Horse on the S & C line for 40. days at 50 cts per day — " " "

A/c Marcus as May & B Bearb for the amounts. —

To be forwarded on the 3^{d} of Sept by Express —

May Beau prepairs & leaves this day to join his party on the S & C line - Mr Graham goes with him to the Chippeway Falls on Chippeway River —

Peter Perron & Joseph Dagenais - not to enter the Indian Country in any capacity. " " " "

Joseh Mouzon - also - except Bonded for & accompanying an outfit —

Mr Sibley called and objected to parts of my Circular - some of which was examined —

I stated to him - as I could in truth that there was not any portion of said Circular intended for him - except that part which spoke of Gs as some are now doing highly honorable and praiseworthy to them - & much to the interests of the Dept —

Mr S - read me an extract of a letter to him from J R Brown - which purports to be a Statement of a Conversation which passed between myself & Davies in reference to certain Traps — a part of which is certainly true - but conveyed in different language and an entire different Sense —

D^{r} by I Wells. Major If I should give up the traps - it is likely it would not Satisfy them, and then perhaps would use all Means to injure me - I dont think I will give them up, for it would be at once acknowledging that I took them - and the loss would be on me altogether. —

Reply - I do not not see how your giving up the traps will satisfy the Company that is your own

business. If I were to give an opinion at all I should say that I cant see how they could be satisfied at any rate wells if you have the traps and as you say yourself that some of their traps may be in your possession — you ought as I said to you in the first place have given them to Mr Sibley —

If it was so that you really had not the traps it would be foolish in you to give them up but if you have the property of the Company it ought to have been given up. —

There is hostility enough between persons in the same line of business, and particularly in the Indn trade — without giving special causes of censure or of complaint — and in a case like the one now before me you must expect from its peculiar nature — that the Company cannot & ought not to be satisfied as long as there remains a doubt —

The case is however submitted to the Dept & whatever its decision may be you will have to abide by it —

The fore going is the substance of all the remarks which passed at the Agency — on the 1st day of July last passed — Caused by I wells remark that he would not give up the traps in his possession as the Company no doubt had many of his exchanged in the same way. —

Maj Bean — presented me with a beautiful map: The Travelers guide through the United States on a large scale & in Book form —

A valuable Gift from a valuable friend

Sunday 23rd August 1835

Fires have been resorted to for some days past it is now rainy, and cold — & we expect to experience an early long, & severe winter. —

Circular letters addressed this day to Gentlemen Trading at this Post — Stating the names of Persons not permitted to engage in the Indian Trade —

P Quin — a letter from Mr Baker in favor of I wills asking for his employment — answer declined granting permission for him in any capacity —

Joseph Rocque — got him to agree to take Maj Beans Horse down as far as his Fathers at the Grand Encampment

Violent thunder — lightning and some rain this nights — the building shook to their foundations

Monday 24th August —

Rain — cool. unpleasant weather this morning — Fires still comfortable and in pretty general use. —

I turned over Maj Beans horse to Mr Jos Rocque this day & he left with him to meet the Major at the Mouth of the Chippeway River —

Hazen Moores Licensed this day for the Trade with the South Sussecton and Wah peeton tribes of Sioux at the Little Rock on the Saint Peters. —

The Sioux of the Pine Bend — fired on Mr Catlin and Corporal Allen after hailing them for several times — Mr Catlin landed & on finding who it was the Indians retired from the landing and many even from their Lodges —

Catlin

They were taken for deserters from this Post which produced the fire from one of the Indians after hailing them — some were personally acquainted with Mr Catlin — which accounts for no further proceedings —

Letters addressed to Messrs Sibley, and Baker in reply to theirs in favour of Certain individuals - Not permitted to enter the Indn Trade within this Agency

Tuesday 25th August

Cold, and cloudy this morning, and every appearance of Rain - our fires are cracking at a brisk rate in this latitude 45° North on the 25th of August

Several Sioux at the Agency - Many for some days past have had their work repaired and new pieces made for the fall hunt

Many an receiving Credits of their Traders and are preparing to go off - Most of these Credits were made however between the 12 & 20 of this Month -

A gun is worth or rather sold for — 120 Rats Say 120 Cts. $ 24..

Large Kettles —	120	. . .	24
2d do —	100	. . .	20 "
3/4 Mac Blankets large	60	. . .	12 "
2 1/2 for women —	40	. . .	8 "
Blue Stroud Blanket Cloth 1 1/2 yds	60	. . .	12 "
Scarlet Blanket Cloth 1 1/2 yds	60	. . .	12 "
Leggings Blue Stroud 1/2 yd	15	. .	3 "
Leggings Scarlet 1/2 yd	20	. .	4 "
Calico Shirt	20	. .	4 "
Powder double hand full 1/4	20	. .	4 "
Lead for Small bar —	2	. . 00.	40
Flints for pieces — 2 for Rat	1	. . 00	10
Knives for piece —	5	. . 1. 00	
Batch Cloth 1/4 yd —	10	. . . 2. 00	
1 Comb —	5	. . . 1. 00	
Waist band 4 Inches	4	. . 00.	80
2 plaid 1 1/2 pt Blanket	1 - 00. 25		5. 00

Prices as sold to the Indians in August 1835 by The American Fur Company at the Post at Fort Snelling —

Guns Newest — 100 at 20 cts Say — $ 20
Kettles large — 60 — 12
2d Sized do — 40 — 8
3/4 Mac Blankets large — 60
2 1/2 pt do for women — 40
Blue Stroud cloth Blanket 1 1/2 yds — 45
Scarlet cloth do do 1 1/2 yds —
Leggings of Blue Stroud 1/2 yd —
Leggings of Scarlet cloth 1/2 yd —
Batch cloths — 1/2 yd —
Calico Shirts — — —
Powder double hand full —
Lead for Small bar —
Flints for pieces —
Knives for piece — —
One comb — —
Waist band 4 In. —
1 1/2 pt Blanket a piece — 25
Looking Glass — 4
Shot by the Bag. 25 lbs — 40

1 Annopenaish 20 mile Village on Plats & parts 15
2 Tah chunk wash tee - 7 mile Village & do —
3 Wah Keon Tunkah 4 1/2 mile Village on Miss & 25 mile

Called on a visit unexpected - we had some considerable Conversation as to Indian goods - their prices &c
The Traders were spoken of as being hard in their prices &c. That no man could get even common necessaries under 600 Rats. — and to Cloth any one family would take 2000 Rats at 20 cts — 400 dollars. —

Wah Keon Tunkah — Said -
I thought I would come up to day & let you know according to the Custom

of my Father - when I was going - a part of my people will go with me up the Wabash to hunt and the balance on the St Joseph on our line just marked off by Mr B

My Father -

I know very well you have rules and when our business is done you wish to part with others of our people and do not wish to be to much burdened with any one Band ——— when my Father was about leaving me he told me to hold you fast by the hand and never to let it go. that by doing so I would always find a good friend in you. ———

My Father — I shall listen to his last words — he told me he had travelled a great way into your great Nation, and he had seen what he never could have believed, and come home a changed man - and repeated to his people all he saw & heard & how much pleased he was at his treatment by the great men of your Nation

My Father — It was his wish that his old bones should rest together & for this reason he asked you to have his lands ploughed at his old village that his people might all return to it & raise their corn - My Father I hope you will help us in this - If you will do this for me I can keep my late Fathers people together — as they are now all coming back on my seeming to have our lands broken up. — we have Oxen and Ploughs - but no one to instruct us - you will do us a great Charity to attend to this for us this fall or next Spring ———

Wednesday 26th Augt 1835

Rainy & unpleasant weather this Morning —

Sent Men in and Lately to Continue

Rat Spear Rods — One Bundle given to the Smith to make Spears for the Little Osages Band

12 Rat Spears made for and delivered to 12 men &

Wahskon Tunkah their Chief on his application

1 do 4 feet made for Wah ma dee Tunkah Chief of the 4 Mile Village — on the Wabash at his own request

Lake Upsit — pattern adze a Lead Ladle made this day - 4 -

4 guns repaired, and, Lance made ———

Rode 4 Miles to hunt a young calf - found the mother - but her calf so well hidden that I had to give up the Search for this day - Not having a Dog

I failed as might have been anticipated

#6 = paid Joseph Lapree for bringing home from Rum River the yoke of Oxen - furnished the S & C line, and left on the route by Mr Bean being to weak to travel - his cart was brought a few miles but the driver finding the Oxen unable to the task of hauling the empty cart left it —

Had some Conversation with the Indians - again on the Subject of the Trade — the Price of the high prices of goods and the low prices which they are allowed for their furs — and were told all they had to pay a Rat for two plugs of Tobacco — 4 for a Gloss & 4 for a Comb This they said looked hard ———

I remarked as follows — It is true that furs & particularly Rats are not so high as last Year the prices Charged by your Traders is high — but you will have to be the more industrious — take small Credits — make good hunts, & then you can get goods for what is a fair price ———

Thursday 27th August 1835

Rains in earnest this morning & bids fair to continue through the day—
This Rain as it Seems pretty general on the heads of water Courses may improve the Condition of the Mississippi—which now very low. Should the water rise even 15 inches we may See another boat yet this fall from St Louis—

Wah Keon Tunkah—called with his Son and got his axe a file and 13 Rat Spears for his people who are going out to hunt—

A Trading Boat left the Am Fur Cys trading house this morng under Mr Lafrombois

Cont of Mus Bear & Cattle Returns—6 Otts, 12 doz Lead

Friday 28th August

Several bear Seen on the 9 Mile Rapid Creek within a few days past which fact Seems to reveal the drooping Spirits of our Neighbouring Indians as Game has been considered Scarce this Season—

Mr Sibley of the Am Fur Cy called at this office—this day—with whom I transacted the following Official business

Bonds taken & Licence granted to Joseph Laframboise for one year to trade on the Crooked River near the Upper Des Moines

Invoice of Goods furnished also his list of Boatmen

Bonds taken also for Alexander Fauteaux's Licence Granted for one year to trade at the Boise Plains on the Cannon River—Invoice of Goods furnished with list of Men

Mr Sibley States that he had understood that it had been reported to me that Beer had been given at his house to Indians He had given his word of honor that no liquor should be given not even Porter or Beer and this I recollected—he had not given any nor would any be given at the Same authorised me to say to him that the accusation was groundless and false and that he was so furnished by this remark—

I Stated in reply—that I had not thought of the matter Since it was named to me by Mr Mine—in fact I paid no attention to the observation as it needed no notice whatever from me—I had every confidence in Mr L— and the perfect understanding between us upon the Subject Consequently the Subject has been forgotten as soon as mentioned I listen to no verbal Reports of the acts of traders—and any thing of a nature calculated to call for my attention Must be officially Made—with the petty jealousies in the trade or that may be engendered between Traders—I have nothing to do—nor as long as I keep my proper Senses about me will I have—Let others who have but little else to do—Keep up a wicked and useless excitement by being mediums of Communication of Remarks—of Indian Traders one of another—This is not and never was my Duty—and never will be—

Saturday 29th

Kocko mocko—called with work for the Smith—& to Take leave

Nasiampah—called also for the Same purpose he goes on to the Falls of the St Croix—conversed as to the Feelings of the Chippeways on Sauk Rum and St Croix Rivers—

Mukyah koh tah also called and Spoke of his going out to hunt with Rice & to Trap—

Marcheeah Nasiah—called also—and the first time since the 10th of July—& our Expedition to his Village in quest of the Murders of the Chippeway on the Mississippi above Crow River on the 9th July

Johnnah called with two Traps of (B & M) wanting two Setts of Springs & other Repairs—I refused to do anything with them—returned them to the Indian & referred Mr B—to my note of the 25th—

Gave a little Tobacco to Tohtoh wah kon nah pee and Marcheeah Nasiah—

To Nasiampah—One Silk Handkf and Knife—2 papers Vermillion

Sunday 30th August 1835

Sir/

Agency House St Peters
August 30th 1835

Since my last monthly report this agency has been tranquil - there having been no movements on the part of any one of the tribes indicative of a renewal of hostilities - The wars between the Sioux & Chippeways will however be a partial one as their feelings of hostility are not by any means national - The Chippeways will not observe their land marks - but on the contrary they have thrown down, and attempted to demolish many of those established recently by the Surveyor employed by the government to run the boundary line between those tribes - This determination on the part of the Chippeways to force themselves on to the hunting lands of the Sioux in violation of the Treaty made between them in 1825 - will continue to produce occasional bloodshed - The Chippeways occupy a country not at all adequate to the support of their population - hence their earnestness in seeking this support by intruding upon the rights of their more favoured neighbours - The S & Tosas state are to pass in small detachments over the country of the Wahpaukoota Sioux in quest of Buffalo and from their old enemies we may expect trouble -

Your mo obt Servt
Lau Paleafens
Main Agent
At St Peters

Maj John Bliss
U S A
Comdg
Fort Snelling

Monday 31st August 1835

A number of Indians at the Agency - many calling to speak of their hunts & the direction they were about to take - these people have this custom and all have to shake hands and each has to be presented with some trifle - whether it be a knife flints - fire steels, Glasses - vermilion - Lead or any other article calico shirt - a pair of Leggings &c &c

Tobacco is an indispensible article & from 5 to 7 plugs invariably given - this small supply in addition to what they purchase of their traders is a great treat -

Whoever attempts the general Control, and management of Indians - be him who he may - will never either of service to them or to the Government unless he lends his whole time and attention to their wants and interests - The Indians can by your acts see the debth of all you do - and as I have said before when once convinced of an Agents faithfulness & devotion to them - and then you can govern them as your own family - I have seen and experienced this & have acted accordingly for 16 years past & lost no ground -

24 Traps repaired by the Treaty Smith
7 Rat Spears made -
4 Axes repaired - -
2 Gulleering Adzes made 1 Skin Scraper
4 Guns repaired - and 2 Kettles -
3 Iron Ladles repaired & 1 made -
1. Kettle Chain - for Indians of Black Dogs
& Penetons Bands - 5, Traps Am Fur Cos by
Mazah Hotah - repaired - 7. B & M repaired

Tuesday Sept 1st 1835

Heavy Wind - The Sale has Left in early —
and a long & cold Winter anticipated
Letter & abstracts forwarded to Genl Clark
of Agricultural implements delivered
Genl. Clark. Abstract & Vouchers of prop received
and delivered, & purchases Made on a/c
of S.L.C Line —
Also. Genl C — Report of Remarks of Indians at Annuity pay-
Also Genl C — Report of decision of Chief in what to be paid in 1836
Good prospect at all times to Money —
Maj J.B. Brant Letter to him with Annuity Sub
Vouchers enclosed — & Recpt of J.B. Forrisbault
Choteau Pratte & Cos. Contract filled & returned to
Maj Brant also —
Monthly Report to Genl. Clark Sept 2d — 1835 —

Agent Am For Affs — Circular letter to Dousman
Rotcher at Prairie du Chiens —
Col Jno B Talon — I enclosed my Note to him for
$1166.= P.I.— off — forwarded after deduction
of 1 per cent — balance $1089 to U.S Bank
Washington City — Subject to the Order of
James G Takaferro Jer — dated Sept 1 —
to be paid by October 1st 1836 —
if he accepts of the Conditions —
Letter of advice on the same written to my agt
James G Takaferro Jer —
Judge Lockwood letter to him about Plank
and Shingles bought of him —
Benj Mills Attorney at Law letter to
him as to the Suit of Bailey vs Takaferro

Wednesday Sept 2d 1835 —

A number of Indians at the Agency on
business — & for Smiths work —
Two men from Wah-Mada-Sapkah came in
for their Annuity paid them —
& gave them 3 days Provisions —
They have come in to Mr Sibley for, and obtained
their Credits — and now return to the plains —
Every appearance of a Storm this evening — the
Clouds look dense & lowering —
Public Documents — private letters &c handed in to
the Post Master to forward —

Thursday 3d Sept

Heavy rain all night & Thunder with flashes
of lightning — we had but few any place in our
house — the Roof is extremely bad. —
Express mail left after the rain this morning
for Prairie du Chiens. —
This day prospecting, and some business done in
doors. Not much in progress out —
Rain Rain or by Threats the day —
Several Indians to get work at the Shop
Macpherson Chs Tate & Others from Lake
Calhoun — Agricultural Establishment —
he asserts the Corn to look well &
promising an abundant Crop — as much
as the Indians can take care of —
French Crow Chief died during the last
Month August — he was in Washington
City in 1812 — with others of his Tribe
Violent rain fell this evening and the
Waters of the falls it Anthony & Nicollet

Friday Sept 4.th 1835

I visited Lakes Harriet and Calhoun with Mr J.o. Nr Sellen & Lt Woore — the papa Mrs & Amelia L Rice — Sack. L P. Horn in going to Lake Harriet — here we found the Miss Stevens in the kitchen part of the unfinished Mission House for Sioux — She was alone in the house & met us with a blooming & smiling countenance & appeared perfectly happy on the shore of this beautiful Lake 45 North & on a line with the Falls of St Anthony 6 1/2 Miles N.W. of Fort Snelling and the Sioux Agency —

It is here that the permanent Sioux Village for School & other purposes are to be erected — 1 1/2 Miles from the Agricultural Establishment at Eaton Ville 3/4 of a Mile from its nearest point on Lake Calhoun — A thick and beautiful wood skirts this location & is indeed a rural spot — If aided by the government we may yet see Cultivated with improvements and many smiling faces — The two Mr Ponds we did not see They were out and busy Sowing with their Corn & other Matters — The Indians are very busy with their Corn Crops which This year seem to promise an abundant harvest ——

1.000 Bushels nearly will be grown upon the ground this year & some 350 Bushels of Potatoes I have asked for the small Land of $400. per 3 or 4 years to enable me to give an impetus to our farming & other works of improvement — which will not be stopped hereafter by lack of knowledge or the means of prosecuting ——

Thomas Cadotte with 2 Ind. & Smith Campbell — Phillips — & Robinson came Sept 4 & Joseph Rock — encamped & Quit his Ojo Rica Dofe

Saturday Sept 5.th 1835 — 187

4. Tabs. 2. axes. 2 guns, 1. Rifle unpaid this morning —

2. Canoes adzed made. ——

A Kiln of Coal put fire to this Morning 4 Cords Dry —

Several other articles made

One Pipe Bowl ordered to be made into a Pipe Tomahawk

Peandetah — called on me with a few of the Sioux

Said My Father —

I call with a few men to ask you to have me your Pipe & Stem — as I am now on my way to meet the Chippeways on the St Croix — and if they will I desire to smoke the Pipe of peace and hunt quietly

Rocko Mocko & a party of the Sioux with him —

They spoke of their wild Rice up and of them contemplated meeting with the Chippeways —

Said My Father — If the Sioux above act as I do it is no reason that we near you should do the same thing — we have had peace a long time near you & we find a long way better you cannot, & for my part the Upper Mississippi Indians prefer peace now — we wish to live for our wives and Children ——

My Father — To day in presence of my people I declare to you that if both Nations would remain on their own Lands & be content with what the great Spirit has placed between them we should have lasting peace — our war with the Chippeways has been of so long standing that our Oldest people cant tell when it Commenced —

My Father You have done more for peace between us than any other man — and for my part I shall not shut my ears to your good words nor my heart —

I made some appropriate remarks to the principle men & to the young men present touched their feelings by recounting the length of time I had been with them — that from Children I had seen them grow up to manhood and my voice had raised them — and they should think of my constant care & listen to my councils &c &c &c

Sunday Sept 6th 1835 —

Mr J B Farribault called this morning — and after sitting a few minutes — Asked me if I would not sell him a double Plough of 4 that were in the house that he understood that I could sell them —

I replied. Mr F — The Ploughs you see belong to the Indians they are recepted for & only remain here for a few days — One is to go to Lake Calhoun in a day or two —

The Indians spoke of giving a plough to some white man to plough up some land for them — the ploughs are not mine — and then never did sell any thing for them — the arrangement made with Mr Sibley is one of their own by the Wah paa Kootas —

Mr F — I want a Strong Plough & you would do me a great favour if you would get me one at St Louis — with a detached Coatter and built large and strong for the Prairie as there are many Stones & tough grass —

Ans very well sir — If I can be of service to you I will Murphy of St Louis makes good Ploughs and I will write to him to send up in the Spring by first Boat a plough —

Monday Sept 7th 1835 —

I visited this day the Farming Indians at Eaton Ville & found them busily engaged getting in their corn — 1000 bushels nearly will be made

The Farmers house had taken fire — & I hastened out to see the amt of damage — Mr Pond was at home — the Roof only was consumed & he was preparing to renew it — The Indians were prompt in rendering assistance & but little of his corn was burnt — in the loft

I also called at the Sioux Mission at Lake Harriet the buildings are going on quite well. —

I took Mr Campbell — my Interpreter with me so as to explain fully to the Indians — not to give their corn away to others of their relations — with other matters of importance to their interests —

Mr George Johnston arrived late this evening from the end of or beginning of the line on the Chippeway River —

Rockomock — Chief — gave him 1 3/4 yds of Blue Stroud.
3 lbs of Powder — 1 Knife
4 lbs of Lead — 6 flints
3 lbs of Tobacco — 1 Glass

He could not get an article from any of the traders and as this was his first year as a Farmer & a good man I made him this small present by the way of encouragement to progress —

I sent my Servant with a parcel of Flour Barrels 7 miles to Lake Calhoun for one of the Chiefs — to put his Corn in. The Ox Cart in returning — found a bundle or Basket — belonging to Mr. J. E. Stevens which my Servant found had fallen from his wagon in going out to L. Harriet

Tuesday Sept 8th 1835

Duncan Campbell Jr called this morning and I sent Mr Sibley — a Keg. 50 lbs Powder for a few days — until the arrival of his Boat from Prairie du Chiens —

Mr George Johnston — gave him a certificate of the time he was on the line S & C — a copy to be sent to the Indian Office Washington —

His receipt and certificate also of Provisions drawn of Lieut Stowe — gave him a return to hand to the Commissary for the Amt — to be put to Lt S-S Credit

Wednesday 9th

Several Indians at the Agency some on business among the the Chief Black Dog —

Chah Ka Kou — of the above Chiefs village called and reported the death of his son — who had died suddenly after having been affected for a few days with diorhea — he wished for a Coffin — but having neither the force nor the Materials I could not befriend him —

Gave 1. 2½ pt Blanket 2½ yds of Calico &c to cover the dead Body this is expected of the Agent —

The Indians are now generally off in quest of wild Rice which is abundant this year

Corn is plentiful also with a few of industrious habits. —

Powder — lead & Tobacco given to Several Indians
1. 2½ pt Blanket to an old woman
1. 2½ do to Penetrous Daughter 3 yds Calico
1. axe — 1 Knife 3 bars lead 6 plugs Tobacco
5/4 & 1 lb Powder to some old women —

Thursday Sept 10th

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Mr Geo Johnson left this day for Macinac with his two Sons — I gave him his certificate of time on the line — sent a letter containing Licenses granted for Genl Clark which had been left by the Mail Sept 3d when the Express left for P du Chiens —

Mahzah Hoh tah called with his Father & friends he presented his Pipe — & Said

My Father — I am about going away & before doing so came down to smoke with you and let you know when I am going —

My Father — I call to take leave of you as I am about to Start for the land of the Wahpaakootas — where I expect to be called on by those people and the head men of the Wahpeetons & Sussectons

My Father — They will of course expect to hear some news from about here & I called to ask you if there was any & what was expected that I might be able to tell them of what is going on — you know I am always ready to do as you wish & to assist you in doing good —

Anniversary
O. H. Perrys —
Victory on
Lake Erie
1813

Reply of the Agent

My friend — I have no particular news — But I wish you to tell all our friends on the plains to keep a bright Sky over them — tell them I am at work at this moment for them — and I trust to have their business ready against Spring — I am sending off their wishes to their great Father — I am talking to the Agent of the Sacs & Foxes — and to the Red Head at Stoiris let peace be with you all this winter — what the Chippeways will do I cannot say — for two months they have been quiet — If the S Boat comes up this month they shall hear from me

Friday Sept 11th 1835

McDonough's Vict. on Lake Champlain 1814 —
& Battle of Plattsburg —

very cold, and every appearance of falling weather —
Several Indians at the agency again
This morning — They held an hours conversation
relative to their intended movements
and that they expected to meet the
Chippeways during their absence — they called
they said to shake hands and at
the same time to let me know that
every attention would be paid to
keeping the peace — of this I might
rest assured — their lives were now
finished and each nation knew
their own lands — & for the sake
of peace ought to remain upon
them —

Lieut Mather arrived this evening from Prairie du
Chiens — Sergt French with the party — he
left the Boat with M Featherstonhaugh
at the Pine Bend 25 miles — & walked
through himself by land 14 miles —

M Featherstonhaugh is expected by the Boat
on tomorrow he is in a Geological
tour through this Country and the
Missouri — by direction & under the
Authority of the Government as I
am imperfectly informed —

He will procure perhaps by the Terra bleu the
Pipe Stone & so on to Lac qui parle
& Coteau des Prairie & c to the
Missouri yet this fall —

Saturday 12th Sept 1835 —

Mr Featherstonaugh — arrived this day with his boat from
Prairie du Chiens 10 days out. no news — no mail
no nothing from the interior a blank hawl — as
this gentleman & Lieut Mather are on public duty

Lieut Stone is expected as he was to leave the Prairie 10 days after
the gentlemen named above. — so that about the
the 21 or 22d of this month — he may arrive but
Our Express monthly is or ought to be expected
as soon a day or two before. — 18 or 19th —

10 or 15 Indians at the Office the day — many with [illegible]
to the Traders shops with guns, axes — traps &c —

I built an Ice house this day with my Servants & one man —

Sunday 13th Sept

Weather unpleasantly cold this day with some rain
early this morning — the fall seems close —

I can here note a remarkable fact which has but
twice occurred in 16 years at my Office
There was in Sept 1827 not an Indian at the
Agency for several days — This day not an
Indian has been in my Office. —

Monday 14th

Heard of the death of Doctor William Watson Senr.
of Bedford Pa — and regret his departure
hence as much as can well be concerned
& sincerely sympathise with his bereaved
family — a public as well as a private loss
to society generally —

Conversation with Mr Featherstonhaugh of the
Terra bleu and the Country through
which it passes — He is on a Geological
Survey of the Coasts & Rivers &c &c —

Tuesday Sept 15th 1835

Very cold with high wind & rain- quite chilly this forenoon

Mr Featherstonaugh called at my house this morning and also at my Office- Conversation with him many enquiries of the appearance of the Country formerly within this Vicinity & on the banks of the Platte and its tributary the Terre Blue- & others-

I answered him as I knew but not as fully as his views might seem to require- I have not made Geology my Study- only the Geography so far as Mts & bounds are concerned and the most important points in the Indian Country- Statistics comes more fully under my province & duties as Agent- as well as the general intercourse with the Indians-

Violent Storm of wind- Thunder Lightning- & rain-

Wednesday 16th

High winds- Cold rain &c This morning yesterday the beginning of our Equinoxial Storms- Lower this year than on the last September and more boisterous, and cold-

Wrote a Short note to Mr Featherstonaugh this morning relative to my not hearing if in my power to supply him with a flag- for his journey into the Sioux Country- & that I would be accountable that he could experience no inconvenience from the want of one- Should be act upon Certain Suggestions made by me in a Conversation with him at my house on the evening of the 14th inst- and he was at liberty if thought expedient to use my name in his progress through the Country

which in Sioux (is Mahzah Buxah) the Iron Calling- he replied as to Genl-

Mr F- dined with us this day & I had many enquiries to make of him about my Virginia friends- some of whom I have not seen for 16, or 17 years- and others for 20 years-

Thursday 17th Sept

The Gentlemen left this morning for their tour up the Platte & its premenary tributaries-

A letter of introduction for Mr G.W. Featherstonaugh and Lieut Mather- written to Doct J.S. Williamson and J Renville of Lac qui parle-

The house in which I reside and belonging to the Dr Mr Dept is very much out of repair- & wants a new Roof- some of the rafters being broken & the shingles split & so carious as not to shed or turn rain-

The public functionaries at this Post declining interfering or even rendering Materials much less aspect in undertaking it unbeknownst- I see no means but to patch up & get on as well as possible the approaching winter- Accommodations from the Military to the Civil Dept here- either on the Score of public duty or private friends like is out of the question

Wm Morrison Esq
St Peters
Mississippi
Recd & Shipped on
Said Schooner
$14.40

This is not as it used to be in former days-

Every tub now on its own bottom- & no- Notice to Set them- under stood- which is objectionable if not doubtfull-

I am trying to get in a Situation independent of the Military as fast as my Slender means will permit- & God willing by the 25th June 1836- a few months more & if my life is preserved- I shall be gratified

Friday 18th Sept 1835

I have to labour at all Spare times – on my dwelling house – Stables, Fenceing, Root house – Ice house – & other Necessary repairs on Smiths Shop – Interpreters house – &c &c –

Hail fell this day in considerable quantity – but a cold Rain with it after it, soon caused it to evaporate – Several Indians at the Agency – Guns, axes, & some new work for Smith – Shod 14 new Nails made for myself to fix Agency house –

Rev J. D. Stevens & family have taken possession of their Mission house at Lake Harney & as the fall is to far advanced to build houses for the Indians – we can only prepare the Materials this fall & winter for Spring –

Saturday 19th –

Cold, and Cloudy this morning – with high & disagreable wind from North & East –

The Head men of the Agency Spoke of leaveing the Agency & Indian Dept – in consequence of their having large families & nothing to support them with – Money will not buy Provisions – The Comy of Subsistence has been ordered Some time Since not to Sell provisions to Citizens (generally) in future, so we are left unexpectedly destitute & at a Season when indeed they must leave this place or Starve – The 3 Chiefs have in all 28 Souls in their families to feed –

Sunday Sept 20th

The Coldest day experienced in this month – wind from the North – Wild Geese for Several days – Ducks of all Kinds appearing in abundance this is to us full evidence annually of Fall Season & the approach of Cold Weather –

No News of our Express as yet from Prairie du Chiens 17 days now absent

Indians – Some few at the Agency Gave Some old women – 1 Blanket, Needles, Awls Moccasin
2 axes – Thread, Powder
2 Knives, Tobacco, Lead –

Monday Sept 21st

Frost fell last night and very perceptable this morning on the Grass & dried Stuff in the Yard.

Vegetation is done – leaves falling & Yellow – Early – Early – indeed & we are unprepared. –

Built a Root house this day with Such Materials as could be picked up & with Slender Means –

The Black Smith – Complained again this day That with Money in hand he & his Family lived in a Starveing condition –

Tuesday 22.

Very Cold again this morning – Wild Geese increase – Bear are Seen, & many Shot already this Season & Some few Deer –

10 Bear Killed at Eaton Ville – on Lake Calhoun in the Corn fields of the Indians – This put the Indians in fine Spirits – & Their Corn was gathered the faster & with more pleasure – The high winds has blown down the Wild Rice – unluckily

Wednesday 23d Sept 1835

Weather more pleasant this morning —

Peagie of Snake River & 14 Chippeways — called at the Agency this day — they arrived this morning early —

Peagie reports all his nation on the waters of the Mississippi to be tranquil having as he said heard nothing good nor nothing bad from — the remote or contiguous portion of the Chippeways

I directed him now as the line was completed as far as Otter tail Lake that he & his people must remain on their lands — & not pass over to hunt on the lands of the Sioux on any account — and to visit his own Agent —

The Chief Rose & said

My Father — Now Sixteen years and our hands and hearts have not been seperate — I only forget you for a short time — and that when asleep — for the first thing at day light my face is this way & my thoughts are of you —

My Father — We have American Fathers — they must be the same to all nations of Red Skins and I dont see why we cant have a choice of places to go to — I speak in friendship to your Children the Sioux — to you and to your nation — I am an old friend to all you know me & what I promed 10 years ago in keeping & preserving the peace has been done —

My Father You know we are badly off — since many years I have not had one plug of Tobacco from our Agent on the Lakes

we never see him it is too far off for us & my poor as I am & miserable as we often are I never have & never will travel so tedious and long a road for a small trifle — all my people know this and we are of one mind —

I hear you your Councils are good — we came here across the lands of our friends the Sioux to see the traders — our traders who come from Macinac are a long time gone & have not yet come. & you know this is the season for us to get ammunition & some small things to support our families — but we are starving and the game looking us in our faces —

My Father Bear with me I talk long — I am in distress — I made my corn this year with sharpend sticks — we have not a hoe to work with — there are plenty of fish and we have not a spear among us to kill them and not a hatchet to cut a stick — our guns break and are useless — we have no smith to do our work our traders dont bring such things and we have no Black smith unless we travel 600 miles to the Sault St Marie or to Macinac

My Father — If our Great Father could see his Children the Chippeways with all these things & without even a plug of Tobacco for the greater part of the year he would open his heart to us for I hear it swells big for those of his Red Children who listen to his good words — our eyes are always to the rising sun to hear something good from him —

My Father — Take pity on us — we have to pay 1 ~~mark~~ or Martin for two plugs of Tobacco If we get any we it is so little that we have to cut 1 plug into four or five pieces so as to give each a small piece I tell you the truth and my people here are ready to prove my words —

My Father — I came to trade a few Skins for some Powder — we have none — If you will help us to some tobacco you will do us a great Charity — & if it be in your power a little powder & lead — a few fish Spears & a few hoes — with these things we should return contented back to our destitute families —

I gave only 40 plugs Tob. 7 pair fish Spears 28 bars Lead 6 Hoes made in Shop

I could not listen to such plain truth evident to my Sense & Knowledge & refuse a small item of Comfort to these destitute people

I have known the Chief Pugie Since 1820 — a man of industry, and truth, and a great friend & help to me in bringing about the peace between his people on the St Croix — Snake and Rum Rivers — which has lasted for 5 years with the Medawekanton Sioux and will continue —

I detailed to him after his remarks the just views of the Government to words them — that all nations had their Agents — although we were all the Same — yet it was proper for every nation speaking different tongues to have different Agents — as the Agents were held responsible for the conduct of his people — by his Great Father — The Situation of 2575 of his nation

was now under consideration before our Great Father the President and would be known by the first Steam Boat next Spring, & that in the mean time they must remain on their own lands — that traders would be suspend them — and one had gone on to Rum River lately from this Post and there would be no excuse on this Score in future with other suitable remarks in accordance with my instructions as to the Chippeways

Thursday 24th Sept

The Chippeways have not left — they go on tomorrow as I am informed —

Several Sioux at the Agency this day some on business — Marcpeewelchastah called for his Pipe Tomahawk — others of little Crows band for Rat Spears — traps &c —

Lent Mr Sibley D. Barrels of Charcoal for his Shop by Duncan Campbell Jr —

Mr. I Wells called this day in reference to the charges forwarded against him to the Dept he brought Earl to make a Statement of all he knew as to the traps which he had been charged with having taken from the Saw Mill — received of Odle

Mr. W. remarked that he merely wished to let it be seen that the evidence in its bearings in the first investigation were circumstantial only & not correct as to the manner in which it is said he got the traps &c — The evidence is on file on a Separate piece of paper —

One trap repaired for Mahzah wah Koudeeh

Friday Sept 25 = 1835

The Red Bird - called this morning & presented me with Several bushels of Corn — Which I am to Lend for to Eaten Ville Lake Calhoun Agricultural Establishment On tomorrow Saturday 7 miles W N W —

500 Shingles, and 60, ten foot plank - borrowed of C. Crattle to repair the Agency House - as it is in so leaky a Condition & so open that a residence in it is almost insupportable - The winter is fast approaching & its exposed Situation renders repairs at this time Absolutely necessary - I have no assistance nor can any be had of the Military or from any other quarter - So I get on & botch as the Saying is with extra appearance - without the aid of a Master builder —

Planks & Shingles

C. C

I have as yet no wood, & it will require 120 cords for the winter & hauled 4 & 5 miles —

Saturday 26th —

Pusic & his party of Chippeways left this Morning They had friendly Talks with the Sioux and the latter left with them & so upon the Mississippi — Present from the former of Eaten Ville

1. Maucpu wee chas tah Sent me 3 Bushels of Corn —
2. Tah hua chandus kah & gave me 3 do do —
3. The Red Birds also gave me 3 do do —
4. Mah zah wah Kon dee gave me 1 Loaf & 2 cub Bear Skins as a present - he Said as they were not in Season the Indians would not give any thing for them, & that I was welcome to them — He Stated if you do as I Say often & I hope you may them with pleasure

Wm Prince left with 4 men in quest of our Escapes as his family were expecting 6 days ago from Rock

River at the foot of Lake Pepin - & from what we can learn the Boat with the Escapes & Mr Prince family and Lent Steven have been out now 16 days from Prairie du Chien — we have only had 4 days of very high winds and bad weather the trip ought at most to have taken but 10 days —

Sunday 27th Sept

This is the 24 day Since our Express mail left Prairie du Chien & ought to have returned by the 20 or 21. of this month at most — Unless Some Serious accident we expect it this day or on tomorrow Monday — as we learn the Boat passed Mr Rocks house at the foot of Lake Pepin 7 days Since - Nearly out of provisions however —

I have commenced my Yearly Returns Abstracts Statistical Returns &c - Abstracts of Licenses

1. Abstract of Licenses Granted for the year
2. Statistical Returns of Indians
3. Lists of all persons employed at the Agency
4. Genl Abstracts of all Requisitions drawn
5. Duly Returns of Requisitions on Military Dis Officers
6. Requisitions for Annuities for 1836 —
7. Estimates for funds for 1836 —
8. Req for Agricultural implements —
9. do for Stationary for Office —
10. for Iron Steel &c &c
11. Report Site of the Agency Buildings
12. Post Office to which letters are to be addressed -
13. Reports of former Letters - Agriculture and the Schools —
14. Estimates Presents for Indians 1836 —
15. Report of all persons 64 pages, & Sheets in Reports to be made of this Reg - 15.

To close the this year ending 30 Sept 1835 =

Louis Leon arrived with his Family & Mr Bruno
in 18 days from Paris da chaus —
Express mail arrived at 2 oclk P. M. —
1. Letter from Lupz — 1.50
4 do do 1.00
1. May Brant . — .50 — $3.6 cancelled per int.
1. Judge Lockwood relative to Shingles & Plank
1. Maj Ino L Beard requesting Receipts &c
from the Dr Masters & also from A S M
18 news-papers — big letter of the 4th July on Indian
affairs & other matters — publish here in the
Bulletin & Commercial Register St Louis

Monday 28th Sept

Gave Rockwell his Pipe Tomahawk —
& he had other works for the
Several Sioux at the agency — Some of them
received new fine Locks for their
Rifles & guns. —
Letter from Sec of War — 1. to be handed to
the Revd D. D. Stevens by Agents of the
Board of Foreign Missions —
Letter from Genl Clark — relative to the
case of Isaac Wells —
Wells having furnished evidence bearing
upon the charges against him and
there having a circumstantial bearing.
however much I may in my own
mind & opinion be convinced he had the right
& seemed best that there be error at all in
the case to err on the side of the accused
Granted Wells a License for one year
to trade at the Little Rapids —

a Brown
Billiard
Hunt this
Summers

Tuesday Sept 29th 1835

Nothing of importance transpired this day —
Some 10 or 15 Indians as the days
& Rat Spears from to time of them —

Wednesday 30

Licens Granted to Joseph Rock for
Little Rocks — Jean B Forrestand for
Little Rapids — A. A Lobley for
Entry of River Poles —
Official letter to Maj Bliss — County Officers — Monthly Reports &c Offices

Thursday Oct 1st

Antoine Papin Black-smith complains of the
want of Provisions — & talks of leaving the
Service of the Dept —
I am preparing my public accounts for the years
ending Sept 30th 1835 — Volumenous in
paper at least —
Sensible cold Indian Women came to the Agency
this approaching cold weather — this means
Something — & according gave each a small
present & Gave the Hill. D. Hospitality has no credit

Friday Oct 2d —

I fence it will be as much as I can do to be
ready for the Express of the 4th
Received and examined the Accts of the Dr.
Master as Mil Dep Offs Index Dept — and
enclosed the Same to the Care of the Officers
14 Rat Spears 6 axes 2 Hoes & Several Grass
Mown & prepared & handed in the
Treaty — with this memo —
3 Racoons — former there was only enclosure
1 Melon in the Yard —

St Peters October 3d 1835

Called on the Comdg Officer — the Board met, acted on the Claims of J B Forrebault and Jacob Faustram — which I this day enclosed Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the decision of the Department —

Closed the follow public Documents

1 A List of all persons employed in the Dept &c
2 A general Abstract of all Licenses for the year &c
3 A Monthly report of the Same for September Dates
4 Statistical Returns of the Indians &c &c Dept
5 Statement of all Seizures of Whiskey — Duplicate
6 Estimates for the year 1836 —
7 Requisitions for the year Annuities &c &c
8 Abstracts of Presents delivered —
9 Map & Reports of the Sites of the Agency buildings Post Office — farms houses Schools &c —
10 Contracts with the hired men of the Agency
11 Duplicate Abt of Rey to 30 Nov omitted — Sent
12 Letter to Supt Case of James Wells, & decision
13 Letter to Same — provisions for hired men
14 Letter Same enclosing Various reports for Congress —
15 Letter Maj J B Brant — a/c of Campbell & Rocque
16 Letter Same — receipt of $36 — for S Campbell
17 Letter to Maj J L Bean — a/c & Antiquities enclosed
18 Letter to John O Fallon Colonel) $400 Sent
19 Letter H K Ortley St Louis $ 50
20 Letter to Hon John M Patton — (Bakers a/c)
21 Letter to Hon Job Mann — Congress —
22 Letter to Hon John Taliaferro Congress —
23 Letter to Judge Lockwood — Plank provisions &c
24 Letter to Doct R C Wood U S Army

25 Letter to Doct Phillip Galenian $5 enclosed
26 Letter to Revd Baynard R Hall —
27 Letter to Miss Martha Fenton Taliaferro
28 Letter to Miss Mary L Taliaferro —
29 Letter to Comr Indn Affairs Cattle S/C Line
30 Letter to Supt Indian Affairs enclosing the Acts of Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt Indian Depts for 2d ending Sept 30 1835 —

Lieut McClure lent 4 grants of Stone Pepie Coal Returned by Mr Sibley —

Deposited $160 with Mr Merrill —

4,25 Got Credit for this Amt of Postage paid to the Post Master at St Peters public

$13:50 paid P M — this day on Public letters sent to Supt of Indian Affairs by Mail

Sunday Oct 4th —

Express Mail left early this morning with the public documents — private papers &c of the Agency Fort Snelling, and vicinity —

Weather Cold, and Cloudy, and feels like Snow which as usual may soon be looked for unless a change may give us a few days of the Summer very little of which has been experienced this fall —

The Sixes Son — called & spoke a few minutes — there were several other Indians

8 lbs of Lead 4 lbs of Tobacco — 2 Knives 15 plants Presented — 1 Hoe 1 axe to Red Days wife —

Some Small hail fell this day — weather Cloudy and rather cold & boistrous —

Monday Oct 5th 1835

Cold, & some hail this morning - Corn cut and as yet we have not had the usual Indian summer

Muskrats this year unusually abundant — Indians are likely from 40 to 60 per diem those who have traps in offering —

Bear also in plenty - they have migrated from the north for want of food -

Raccoons are running about every where even into our Gardens —

Deer are scarce to be increasing — although the Indians pay them Enormously high prices for their goods such as 120 Rats for a gun 100. & 120 for Kettles & every Small or other article in proportion

The fall hunt if prosecuted with industry will relieve them from their Embarrassments —

Tuesday Oct 6th

Cold and unpleasant — but little wood and that has to be cut & hauled 6 & 7 miles with Ox Carts

Encourage the Indians farmers at Lake Calhoun by giveing them $1.25 per Bushel, & Some times more for their Surplus Corn — Some families raise 20. 25. 28. 32. 36. 41. Bushels & So on each —

Several Lodges at the Agency - but most of them were busy for their Treaty Smoke —

The Black Dogs Nephew gave me a Gun —, & left his Pistol to be repaired —

1 1/2 Blanket 1 Strouds 1/2 yd & Shirt given to a poor woman with a naked family —

Johnah - 2 at the Agency on business —

Wednesday Oct 7th

Sent my Servant to Lake Calhoun forming Establishment with Empty Pork & fewer Barrels for the Indians to Secure their Corn — I have given them 40 & other persons 50 or 70 more, yet not enough by 200 —

Mr Sibleys Boat arrived from Prairie des Chiens, with his Companies Goods — Report is that the Inhabitants of New Orleans & St Louis (the more wealthy) in Consequence of the Salubrity of our Climate &c &c during Summer & Fall - intend forming a Retreat at the Falls of St Anthony — during the Sickly Season in the South —

Rode as far as Mr Bakers on business this morning Market price of Corn $1.25 per Bushel — Thousands of Black Birds in the Corn fields - Lurking as destruction - but they are Some what late - Most of the Corn being gathered & or Scattered

Mr Sibley left this day for Lac qui parle - 250 miles up on the St Peters — on a tour of inspection of his districts of trading Posts as high up as Lac Travers

Thursday Oct 8th

B F Baker lent him 6 feet for Tent Pins —

by McCormick — weather Rain Sleet

Peter Hayden arrived from Illinois - he escorted the Scotch & other Emegrants from Red River via This Post into Illinois - Michigan, & Wisconsin & is now returning for 200 more —

Patakakuk Chief and Several of his band arrive this day at the Agency — They are urgent on the Subject of Traps, ask for Powder, Lead &c &c

These Indians Sleep in my Office as is often the case, burn my wood and no compensation for such expenses —

Friday Oct 9th

Mild pleasant Morning for the month of October —
This is in my Opinion the 3d day of our Usual Indian Summer
Mr Hayden — brings news from St Louis that May Wm Gordon the U.S. Survey on on the Potawatamie line was attacked by a party of Indians — while engaged in his duty & himself wounded severely with two Arrows — and all his party, some 14 or 15 — cut off by Indians at present unknown. — " — " — " —

Patahuhah Chief & his people call again this morning —
The Chief Said)
My Father — I listen to your words at all times I called down with a few of my people & called on you last evening — we also wished to see if our Traders would supply our wants — we have been to see our Traders and we can get nothing — not even a flint much less Traps & ammunition which we rely upon — we know not what to do you see us before you in a distitute situation — with a plenty of game & nothing to destroy it with to support our families
My Father — we rely on you as we cannot get any thing from our Traders — I asked for Traps & I am told that they are for the Wahpetons — we are left with empty hands — I do not understand the intentions of the Traders they are hard with us.
My Father — It is our wish that you have a few Traps made for us — we can then kill a few Rats & cover our bodies — if we cannot get these things we cannot pass the winter some of us must die — you see our situation — not even a charge of Powder and our Blankets in pieces, and our women & children as badly if not worse off than we are. — All these ~~things~~ my Father hurts our feelings very much —

Reply of the Agent —
My friends — I have listened attentively to your remarks & feel for your situation for what you say my eyes tell me it is true — and it seems hard that so many good looking men should be compelled to beg —
My friends — All your work is regularly done in the shop by your Black Smith — for some weeks past — it is true he could not labour much for want of provisions — he has been compelled like you to hunt for it & even to beg —
but on Monday he will commence making 200 Traps for poor Indians, those who cannot get any credits from the Traders —
My friends — There is often so much old work to be repaired that this interferes with the new work and delays it for some days at a time — Your Guns, axes, hoes, &c must be repaired, & many useful small things made.
My friends — You will have to do as your friends at the Lake are doing — raise Corn & Potatoes they are now so well off that the Traders are glad to give them credits — the smallest & weakest family raise 25 bushels of Corn some 50 & 60 — many are yearly going there at Lake Calhoun —
My friends — The Medawakantan Sioux will soon have to be farmers — your game is only in plenty one in 3 years — but all will go in a short time & the sooner you turn your attention to raising Corn the better for you & your families as well as those who follow in your footsteps —

My remarks were readily assented to & the Chief stated that in the Spring if assisted in breaking the ground he and his people would gladly embrace my views for it is best &c

Saturday Oct 10th 1835

Uncomfortably warm this day - The Ladies and Gentlemen generally at this Post - have been tempted on a riding party to the Falls of St Anthony - Little Falls, & the adjacent Lakes - at all times a pleasant trip —

The extreme Salubrity of this Climate for 6 or 7 months of the year, may be said not to be surpassed on the face of the habitable Globe as far as has been explored either for health or as an object of enterprise - for Sixteen years Seting aside the fall of 1819 - when 40 men & others died of the Scurvy - out of an avarage of 300 Souls located at Fort Snelling and its Vicinity - it may be safely said that the Annual Number of natural deaths - has not been more than one per annum - and perhaps not so many —

Casualties - such as Shooting, drowning, freezing - Smothered in Sand Caves, have been almost the only deaths noted - & these have been of rather frequent occurrence —

In making my remarks at this period. I have no doubt but this Country will become a place of great & fashionable resort for the Man of pleasure, enterprize & Spirit -

& of Citizens generally from Missouri and from along the Coast & from New Orleans - Nothing I am sure but the want of the necessary & requisite accommodations prevent many from passing their summers here at this time. —

Fine Scenery - beautiful Country, excellent Waters, incomparable Climate for general health & an open field for Sportsmen - who have good Dogs -

We are willing to see our friends from all Quarters of the interior - & respectable Strangers - as we are at times lonesome: and during any short relaxation from official duties. could enjoy society with some zest -

In speaking of Sportsmen - we allude to gentlemen fond of field sports - & good hunting - we are decidedly averse to - black legs, Steam Doctors, pick pockets, Abolitionists, Kid nappers, & whiskey introducers -

Such persons had better not venture above Lake Pepin - if they should they may be set a drift in the the Mississippi - with sundry Red marks - fully exposed to the airs of heaven. & a Sentimental Journey - not as agreeable as Mr Sternes. —

Sunday Oct 11th

The Prairies have been fired a few miles from this Post - Considerable light observed last night in a S.W. direction on the St Peters -

215 or 30 Sioux Indians at the Agency this day - some on bisings - as it is Sunday but little speaking

A. Papin went out in quest of his horses & some of my Cattle. as they stray off to a great distance generally at this season for Grass —

Revd I L Stevens preached at Fort Snelling this day - the attendance at Church by the Military is never extensive at any Post but much less so at this - Some people are disposed to believe that they owe but little responsibility to the author who created them human beings - with reason & responsibilities

The Army is no place for the reception or for the promulgation of Religion - all their feelings and habits run on extravagance, & carnal intercourse with loud profanity - these facts are noted as somewhat general —

Monday Oct 12th 1835

A prospect of another pleasant day- The Sun is bright and not a cloud & very mild

Some 15 or 20 Respectable Sioux called to see me this Morning- in the course of Conversation they touched upon their hunts- Furs in plenty- but not able to Kill more than 3 or 400 Rats each for the want of Traps- The traders prefer not taking them have a very poor Supply- as the Furs become more Valuable- This the Indians do not seem to relish or understand- As they owe largely they wish to pay Speedily as furs are in plenty- & do not wish to wait until the Ice ponds freeze- to Kill Rats with the Spears

Official Report received from Bt Baker Esq- Stateing that Peter Perron a foreigner- perhaps from the Texas was going or had gone up the Waters- St. H. Sibley Esq- wrote a note to him to warn the Chiefs of the Halanoway if seen- a Mulatto found would be sent after him (Perron) and That (Perron) should be sent to Praire du Chien

Indian Dance last night

The Indians as late as 7 Oclk began dancing and Kinds of figures of a war nature- Buffalo- first then- War- Discovery- begging and last of all the peace dance- intermixed with Medicine Ceremonies- feasting at the Devil- all in great glee- Men, boys, women and girls- all by a bright ray of the Moons beams.

From what I could learn from the Speakers remarks alias- Captain of the Dance & Master of the ceremonies- The Agent is likely to have a general visit on tomorrow Tuesday-

Tuesday Oct 13

Maj Bliss out at Sun rise this Morning with 50 or 60 Men to set fire to the Prairie- rather late for fire at this hour- The policy of Praire burning may be questioned- at any rate I have ordered the Indians in the most positive manner not to set fire or permit their children to fire the Praire on any account- for it is sure to burn up the fencing, loose Clothings- Hay Stacks & again the Cattle suffer & hence, and the Game is at once drawn off to a great distance.

Maj Bliss called at the Office this Morning- and began a tirade against the Indians- about Things which have not happened but what he expected would happen- Viz That the Indian women would go over in the Company Gardens, that the Soldiers would give them some Indian corn Potatoes & That he would not permit it- & That Indians must not come near his Post, and that the Chiefs not hang or lounge about his fences near the Soldiers- that they should not enter the Gardens on the Invitation of a Soldier- That neither Citizens nor Indians should enter the public Gardens or pass through them. He had sent a Soldier to order out a Citizen only the day before- who had been invited by a Non Commissioned Officer to view some large Cabbages &c &c

I directed the Interpreter in presence of the Maj Comdg to tell the Indians to keep along about their business- & have nothing to do with the Soldiers- to Keep away from even looking at the public gardens or the Soldiers- I remarked to Maj B- = Your Soldiers alone are to blame- if they will give the Indians will accept- but for the whites the Indians would do very well- Your Soldiers sell you Potatoes or any

Wednesday Oct 14th 1835

Annoqua & wah arrived this day from Red river Rum
He brings us but much news - the Sioux are busy
hunting, and doing bad — The Sleepy Eyes
band made considerable objections to the Indians
from this neighbourhood passing up on their
lands to hunt — but our people made them a
a few presents & soon at length permitted to pass -
Mr. H Monroe a trader for Little Rock also passed
on at the same time to his Post —

I had a long and interesting Conversation with Annoqua=
nauah - This day - on Events through 16 years
& then 40 years back & again up to the present
day — The Lowing Cow from Big Stone Lake and
The Little, Chief of Lacqui Parle have left their Villages and
are on a Visit - perhaps a permanent one to the Little Rapids,

Thursday oct 15

The Prairies on fire — My Corded Wood burnt, $40 - lost
80, Cords yet to procure for the Winter — $160 =
Rain - Considerable lightning, and long peals of Thunder
The fires are consequently damped for the present —
Lowing or Bellowing Buffalo — called this morning — & Said
My Father — I lost my Daughter at the Little Rapids
and now left Lacqui parle 7 Lodges to see
you - The Little our Chief is at the Little Rapids
He was coming down to see you but was taken sick
I have been told to tell you from him that he has not forgotten
your words at Traverse des Sioux in 1826. he has been
trying to do good & to keep his people quiet - but
some foolish people have done mischief and now
all are suffering for their bad conduct — he bids
me tell you that he is now blind & deaf & old
and does not expect to live long - but he

Still thinks of you and your good counsels which he will
never forget as long as he lives — he says he is now at
the Little Rapids - with 7 Lodges with his friend
Wahnaucaw tah — He was compelled to leave
Lacqui parle in consequence of his traders being
loved with his people - the goods were too high
and there was but one trader he would not sell
his goods under at prices the Old men could not
pay - we wish for more traders among us - we
can pay for yours as furs are plenty - if they
were not so high — &c &c

I replied to the Lowing Buffalo

My friend — I am sorry the Chief is sick - he is a
good man & listens to my Counsels - I wish I
could say as much for the Wahpetons generally
They have no ears - they do not hear our voice &
heed the Chippeways behind - they do not act like
brave men or good men — If your people persist
much longer in such a wanton & cowardly course
of bad conduct - I shall be compelled to leave
them remember, I find your government not
strong enough among yourselves - your Chiefs
are all unable to control their people —

Lacqui parle is going to be a lawless place for all bad men
as fast as any The Sioux Commit a bad act - like
dogs as they are they run off like a dog that
had been struck upon the head - If you come
returning this fall back to Lacqui parle - I
would send a message to the Wahpetons &
Sispetons - but I will take another opportunity -
Then can tell your Chief - 2 Traders at this Post, 2 at
Traverse des Sioux, 2 at the Little Rapids and
2 at the Little Rock on the Yellow - If goods
are high this year, furs are plenty, and if
the Sioux will be industrious they can pay -

My friend. I send your Chief Some Tobacco - tell him I often think of him - If he will send down his Son - or any one of his family - I will send him something to keep him warm this winter -

I will also now make you a small present to enable you to throw off your mourning -

Presented Lowing Buffalo

1. 3 pts Blanket 2d qty	1. Rat Spear
10, Gun flints	3½. lbs Powder
1. Tin Kettle	1. S. Knife
25. plugs of Tobacco	6. lbs Lead

Toh toh wah Kou dah peo - Annogenasiah, and several respectable Sioux at the Agency on business -

100 Traps now making for several poor & destitute Indians who are unable to get Credits of the Traders - 15 Rats Spears also made -

Several Guns - as many axes &c repaired also this day

Raining at a late hour this evening -

Friday 16th Oct 1835.

A note written to the Interpreter this morning - to inform all applicants for work at the Shop - that none could be done during this day & tomorrow in the way of repairs - as the Smith had 100. Traps on hand for poor and destitute Indians - who are unable to obtain Credits of the Traders - all the Traps are promised to such Indians except 3 or 4 of the principle men of four villages -

Patah Uhah - Chief & several of his people arrived. I had with this old man a long and somewhat interesting conversation - on many subjects - of the (Seven fires) different Bands of Sioux. Subjects of trade, war, peace, policy of the Indians &c &c &c

Issued 10 Rats of Pork and 10 Rats flour to Indians

5, Rat Spears given to Patah Uhah for his people -

Rain again this evening violent & continued several hours -

Saturday 17th Oct

Cloudy, and cool this morning, and every appearance of more falling weather - wind S.S. West -

Patah Uhah Chief & several of his band or tribe called again this morning - sent a messenger for the Interpreter as a short council is demanded -

13 days since our Express mail departed for Prairie du Chien as there has been several days of mild weather it is reasonable to expect their return on the 20th or 21 inst 4 days hence at most - 550 miles monthly our Express has to paddle in Canoes - performing 6600 miles annually -

Marcpeeah Nasiah - son of the late Shakopee Chief -

Annongenasiah - together with several Indians came in

There are also of Patah Uhah's village -

This village since the death of old Shakopee - has been in some confusion there being - four divisions - 3 of them prominent -

viz - 1 Marcpeeah Nasiah & his late Father's Relatives
2 Patah Uhah - present appointed Chief & his
3 Hoeyahpah - and his connections -
4 Annogenasiah & his - by far the best of all - and I trust the most popular. -

Gave 8 more Rat Spears - 40 plugs of Tobacco to their people at the instance of Annogenasiah - who made a few appropriate remarks -

Called to marry Nancy Graham & Joseph Benson. in presence of Mr Still & Mr Campbell

Mr Feathus Mr Haigh & Mr Mather Returned from Lac qui Paile & Lac Travers this day— Their Observations did not lead to any discovery of Coppers Ore in the Terra Blue, or upper Country——

Sunday 18th Oct 1835

Clear and Cool this Morning— I went out 3 Miles across the Prairie to the Wood Choppers found all Correct by the late fire——

Mr. G. Mr Featherstonhaugh dined with us this day— I regret that I have nothing in the Shape of Indian Ornaments or Curiosities to send Some of my friends by Mr F— at this time I would Send my friend Majr Lewis Something worth its conveyance but the Season is over——

Monday 19th

Engaged for a half hour this day in Conversation with Majr Bliss the Indian Office on this Station— relative to Joseph Renville Esqr of Lac qui Paile—

Mr Renville its Seems has been a trader for Some 18 or 20 years of and on within the Territory of the United States— under the character of a half blood Sioux having been so represented by others & tacitly acknowledged by himself— That his Father Joseph Rainville was from France— & came in 1805— He was at the Red River Colony Hudsons Bay for a time for a short time with the Col.o Fur Company & for Some years, 2 years again in the Service of the Am Fur Company— all this time as a half blood Sioux.——

Now at this period of 20 years it has been let

out & Stated that he is a full Indian— born of his Mother previous to her Marriage with his reputed Father— & that Mr Renville took his Mother & adopted & named the Present Genl Renville as his Son— & the Said adopted Son— assumed the name of his Said foster Father.——

If indeed he be a full Indian I have Seen many Things to Convince under the description— which has been well Sustained not with Standing— my frequent intercourse with him on private & Official business—

Travellers are generally pleased with his deportment when under his roof— Many of our Citizens & Officers have partaken of his hospitality & have Spoken generally in terms of high Commendation of his attentions & politeness But— Cannot Solve the Mystery— as to his Colour and from this Man— That he generally keeps a body guard of Some 25 or 40 Men in a Lodge near his Fort— They cannot percieve the necessity of this caution or the use to which he puts them Servants.

That he to Suit his Conveniences, or policy States to the Whites that he is a half breed, and to his people That he is of unmixed blood, and that his interests are identified with theirs—

Now as to his being either a half, or whole blood I have Yet to be more fully informed— it would Seem that he is, and that he is not a full Indian— I might Say that he is a full blood Sioux— as his Colour has generally indicated— but his Manners & intelligence are in Opposition to this belief——

His person is great— his dignity equally So— & his disposition of the Conduct, or deportment of Others in Presence to himself— quick— his inferences Strong and his Conclusions not unjust— very Jealous of attentions even to a Wife— So that flattery is the very Emotion of his Soul—

For 16 years I have treated Mr Remelle with attention paid much seeming difference to his remarks and opinions flattered him by these & other means into a disposition to aid me in all my views of policy among & with the Indians within his vicinity by which means, and sundry Presents to his Children & family & and elegant pair double Spectacles & such things to him self — I have gotten his friendship, and influence to a great extent —

Much blame has been attached to Remelle in consequence of his armed followers — their inroads upon the Chippeways — their Scalp dances near his house &c yet I consider his peculiar situation among a set of cut throats far removed from our frontier Posts — in the heart of the Indian Country & contiguous to the lands of the Chippeways — it is all things considered not a difficult matter upon mature reflection to dive into the facts of his necessary course of policy — to enable him to live in some quiet to protect & save his property, & to conduct his trade with such a heterogeneous mass of renegade Materials —

I have made the foregoing remarks merely to keep this subject in view & at the same time in justice to Mr Remelle — so far as his general conduct has come under my knowledge I am no alarmist — so far as the interest of the Service is concerned — the Government is well informed as to my views, & as to Mr R — and the peculiar course of policy adopted by him to secure the confidence & services of his Indians in his trade as to my further views of policy — I am still of the opinion — expressed this year and years

previous, that either a Military force be displayed in the remote Sioux country or that the Trade be withheld from the discontented tribes of Sioux for a season or two — we should then see the result of an experiment which I have always thought requisite to enforce good order and to preserve the peace permanently between the Sioux & Chippeways

Withdraw the Traders, which at once takes away the means of subsistence, and munitions of war — and hostilities cease of course —

However revolting this may seem & in fact is to the high views of Magnanimity of the American people towards all the aboriginal tribes yet to preserve much blood & treasure and not another Sac & Fox affair — let us use that weapon which would be of more effect & produce a more speedy result than 10,000 men with Two Million of dollars would effect —

Tuesday 20th Oct 1835

Highwind with cold rain this morning — & every appearance of a continuance — our Express not as yet arrived from Rano du chiens.

Cranberries brought in — high prices paid — by the citizens for transportation to the lower Country —

Several poor Indians at the Agency in quest of the means to enable them to hunt — they said my Father — look at our Blankets? you see our prospects for the Winter — our children are before you as they come into the world — we cannot get credits — if we had traps we might do something towards being comfortable some of us may die from cold this winter. —

Wednesday 21st Oct 1835

Very Cold — Therm: fell 20 degrs - last night and the ice have Snow - The first this fall - The ground is here frozen - with Ice —

Too Karnee fee tah complained much of cold this morning - I gave him One of my Flannel Shirts - with which he was evidently pleased

I also gave 2¼ yds of the Sattin Linen to a young Squaw & directed it to be made up for her —

The Child of Washtaa or died yesterday - Arrangements pursued for its funeral —

It is reported that the Chief Kock ko Mocko - has lost his youngest Son - Another call on me for funeral expenses of Council —

Thursday 22 Oct

Snow fell last night, and continues this morning it is 4 & 6 inches generally. No wind. —

Express Mail Arrived from Peau de Chien — late last night —

1. Letter from Acty Com. In affairs in (Bailly Case)
1. Letter from Genl. Clark enclosing 3 from Comrs.
   1st Relating to funds for Council house affairs &c
   2d Campbell requests of Extra Guard to Guard —
   3 Directing the arrest of Seven Murderers of Chippeways
2. Letter from Genl Clark with enclosures Viz
1 Talk of Genl Clark to be delivered by the Agent to the Sioux Chiefs
2. Letter from Comrs. In affairs. Relating to Sioux Chippeways Sacs & Foxes - and orders for their arrest &c
1. Letter from Genl. Cryand Estimates &c from ? 1 Sept 1835
1. Letter from May Ind. Dept Bean
1. Letter from A G Talliaferro Agt Winnebagoes
1. Letter from Doct R C Wood Prairie du

1 Letter from Genl Gibson Com Gen Subs and 225
in reply to Mem of 12 June 1835

Friday 23 Oct

Snow 8½ Inches deep this morning
Cold and Clear —

Mr. Feathers Son and Last Mathers
team with Sioux Chiefs in company
for the Lower Country

I have been engaged in reading all my Official
letters and the Rolls of the Dept in
reference to Gathering up the Sioux Murderers
of the Chippeways —
also the orders and instructions
relative to the Removal of Intruders
at and near Fort Snelling —

Saturday 24

S. Campbell — Interpreter has been with me nine 12 years
for the first 4 years - C & D Campbell - and
Alex Farnham - I called in Mr S. to the
Office this morning & had a long & confidential
talk with him - in reference to the Views of the
Government as to the wars or acts of hostility
of one tribe of Indians against another
with other matters connected with the full
history of the acts of hostility between the Sioux
& Chippeways - touching the Origin of the
Sac & Fox depredations - and then proceeded
to the plans of securing all offenders
among the Sioux & other matters connected
with the object in View —

Sunday 25th Oct 1835

Since the 9th of July I have had no news whatever of any war parties going out either from the Chippeways or the Sioux - but as far as we can observe there has been a perfect calm since the Councils held at this Agency in July & August with the above tribes - and the course then taken to apprehend the Chippeway Murderers. The disturbances which have occurred between the tribes named are now become by no means of a national character. - but are deemed & taken to be the acts of individuals.

Several Indian women - Orphan Children, & old men at the Agency - during this day -

Monday 26th Oct

Nasiampaa - or the Grand Soldier called at the Agency and held a short talk with the Agent - on the views & feelings of the Sioux - the Agent replied -

Annogenasiah & Several Sioux at the Agency - on business -

Maj Bliss called for a list of all persons in the employ of the Fur Cpys at this Post as also for such as are in the employ of the Indian Dept

B F Bakers called & said he would hand in a general list of all in his employ at this Post -

12 new Traps handed in - 2 repaired 2 guns also -

Tuesday 27th Oct 1835

New Traps delivered to Indians without Credits

Ky hene daa - 3 Traps -
O.Kah hoh pee 3 do -
Annogenasiah 5 do -

Description list of all persons in the Employ of Mr. Bey F Baker - furnished -

Some 15 or 20 Indians at the Agency - held a long Talk with Annogenasiah & his people -

Doct N S Jarvis - wrote a note to him for an Indian woman whose case of labour was doubtfull The Doctor declined having any hand in this matter

Wednesday 28th

New Traps delivered this day

Pezzee Snas nah mauna - 5
" The Flying Iron - 4
Meenewah Kon - 4 - 2 yet to be delivered.
Tookarmpeetah - 4
Teeye sah - - - 3 -

Mr Duncan Graham called this day and reported he had been below Lake Pepin for a month - left some Shop tools at Labarths

A Mucnac Boat from Prairie du Chiens expected to arrive this evening or tomorrow -

Mr H H Lobley returned from Lacsqui Parle and traverse - we is expected to call over at the Agency on tomorrow -

An old woman called in great distress to inform me that her Daughter in Labour was expected to die - Child supposed to be dead - I addressed the Doct Jarvis a note but he says he has no instruments - so that the Ciarian operation cannot be performed and the woman must die -

Thursday 29th Oct 1835

As the cold weather advances my old complaint of the Liver begins seriously to affect my strength and feelings - there is now a pain almost continual in both sides - my breast, with some fever, and evident debility & loss of flesh —

I progress systematically with my various duties however though often sick enough to be in bed — 16 years in 45° north has ruined my general health - gradual but certain. —

Mr. H. H. Sibley - License for 1835. - Sent to him this day by Louis Provincalle Jr

Narcis Frarier - also Licensed for Cheyanne Fork of Red River of Hudsons Bay -

Friday 30th Oct

Joseph Renville Senr. accidentally shot one of Meeks a few day past at Lac qui Parle - in discharging his Pistols

Two Sioux, murderd another Sioux in the Upper Country a few days past - particulars not stated —

A deliberate murder of a good Indian when asleep for the sole purpose of taking one or both of his wives 2 daughters of tau Marcpee chief of Wahpaakoo

Saturday 31 Oct

Passport granted to Peter Hayden a subject of his Britanic Majesty to pass to Hudsons Bay - Settlement, and back to U.S.

Letters by Mr Hayden to Joseph Renville Senr. & Doct Williamson at Lake qui parle - refers to Orders from from the Dept

Coffin made for an Indian son of Washtaaon - gave him Calico &c & Blanket for grave clothes —

Passport forwarded on application to Red River for 240 Scotch Emigrants & others to enter the United States - next Spring —

20. Traps made by the Smith this day for poor Indians —

Sunday Nov 1st

Two young Sioux lads killed in a few days no less than 2312 Musk Rats being the Sons of Wak Keon Tunkah Chief of the 9. mile Village —

One other Indian in company killed same time 1.113 —

The avarage hunt of some fifty men may be safely computed at 700 each 35,000 —

The Traders generally will take out of this country more Musk Rat - this season than for some years past

The Indians are allowed in trade only 16 cents —

Say 1. Gun 120 Rats at 16 cts
16
720
120
$19.20

Cost — 1 Gun 6 — Sold to Indians 19.20
6
$13.20

nete gain of Trader

1 Knife 5 Rats - Cost 20 cts — Rats at 16 cts gain on Knife clear proffit by the Trader — 60 cents 300 pr cts

Tah chunk wastaa - received his new Traps. 5 —
also - Wah Kondee mane — 3 —
Wah made shan dutah — 3 —

Marcpee wee chastah
Kockocmoko —
Tah chunk wash taa
Marcpee ah Nasiah

These head men with some 15 others of the Sioux called to see me this day - I refered to the Flag and they recollected that this day was Sunday —

Those who had Traps Guns &c to repair left them in the Office until tomorrow

I gave each Indians as is a uniform Custom 2 plugs of Tobacco each —

Kockomocko, and his family appeared all in mourning for the loss of his youngest son. —

Toh toh wah Kondah pee & son going to Sauk Riv

Monday Nov 2d

Kockomoko. Said—

My Father— It seems this day that the great Spirit has something against us— we are in mourning our children just as they begin to be of use are taken from us and we only think— but we see them no more

My Father— Our old & influential Chiefs are no more on this earth— their faces are not here to day with us in our Council, their voices are no more head at the early dawn encouraging our people to good actions & to live in peace ..

We are my Father like the falling leaves in Autumn leafless is the tree becoming and soon we shall we be heard of no more.

My Father— We listen to your Councils it is best we should we used to to go to war when we lost our relations and when we could kill one of our enemies we rested quietly for a time— but since you came among your children we have no such idea you have changed our minds & it is best that it is so— we bear all your good Councils in mind—

My Father I am now going up on our lines we shall meet our friends the Chippeways— we are in mourning but we shall do no harm to anyone— we are for peace having kept it now five winters— You may let our Great Father know that you have some children at least who listen to his words— The Upper Mudawakantons wish you my Father to write this to our Great Father— If some are bad men among us we do not countenance them ——

Gave this Chief a Pipe & message to the Chippeways also one to Peandetah & a talk to the St Croix Chippeways ...

Spoke to Marepeah Nasiah— & directed him to bring above his uncle & his two cousins who murdered to the Chippeways in July last— that is as soon as he can find them— as they are at Lac qui Parle—

Several had men attended at the Agency ——

Letters sent to Post office for Genl Clark relative to the affairs of this Agency—

Marepeah Nasiah — 4 new traps
Young man Lake Pepin — 3 do
Washtaa on — 4 do

Tuesday Nov 3d

Express mail left this morning for Peane du Chiens. — pleasant day—

Mr Seymour a Missionary arrived from Yellow Lake in the Chippeway country— he is on a visit at the Sioux Mission At Lake Harriet—

Presented Tobacco to several poor Indians

Wednesday 4th

Cold rain, and disagreeable weather— The Indians having finished their fall hunt— Depart generally for their winter hunt— usually return 1st March—

After which the usual spring hunt is commenced—

Divided into Fall,— Winter, Spring,— Summer,—

Marepee wee chas tah— Chief 2d of Lake Calhoun Village of Agriculturalists— called on a visit this day— He spoke of the various messages— & messengers of peace— I had sent to the Sioux and Chippeways— it was all good and he was of opinion— would result in good on all sides

My Father he remarked— You have been with us so long that you suit our views, & feelings— our nation took upon you as upon something we could not loose— you are never tired doing good for your

Your Children — my nation ought to listen to your good Councils for my part I hope they will see near you have done all in our power to keep our Lands clear that peace might smile upon us but I am sorry to say there are still some bad men among us — but I am pleased with the course you are now taking to cause our people to open their eyes & for them to follow the right road —

My Father — I called in to your House this morning to express my sentiments to you before I left for my winters hunt — and will not return before 4 months — perhaps rate in February after my hunt is over I hope to see you again I go to the line on Rum River — run lately by the "Blue Cloud" Maj Bean — there to meet the Chippewa I shall use all my influence to see that no mischief will happen —

The Agent in Reply —

My Friend — It is true I have been with you now 16 years — & if I have remained so long here it has been to open the hearts & ears of your people that they might live and be happy — I have done much for the Sioux and they can repay me easily by a return of good conduct Some try to make me ashamed but there are bad Children and must be pressed — I am sorry to blame any but you know as well as I do among so many there will be some bad ones — I am determined not to tire in doing all I can keep my children in the right road — If I am severe at times it is for their ultimate peace and the great & happiness of their families — you are right see the Chippeways & tell them my sentiments

Thursday 5th Nov 1835

Nothing of importance transpired this day — engaged in looking over the public property — & the quantity of work & kinds done by the Treaty Smith during the month of October

250 lbs of Iron & 105 lbs of Steele Consumed for the benefit of the Indians — Rain —

Friday 6th

3 Guns 2 Traps — and 14 axes repaired —

Lieut Wood & McClan on a hunting excursion with Mr Sibley — Since yesterday bad weather —

Keeiyah of Lake Calhoun called at the Agency Office and conversed with me for an hour — about the prospects of the farmers at Lake Calhoun

Saturday 7th

I find early this morning that the Guard from the Fort have shot during last night several Cattle belonging to persons at the Post (Citizens) They had broken into the public field not until after the produce had been raised & put in Store — There might be a few Turnips & a few Cabbage yet remaining on the Ground but none of sufficient consequence to cause so many valuable work Cattle to be shot by the Soldiers — Such Orders by the Comdg Officer Major Bliss — were carried into effect by the Guard under the direction of the Officer of the Day Lt Ogden —

Jacob Faulstom	1. Ox Killed	2 wounded
Perry	1. ox Killed	1. wounded
O Crate	1 ox Killed	
Jos Mossee	1 ox Killed	

Lieut Plummer arrived this evening 9. days from Prairie du Chiens - with 25 or 30 Recruits for the Command here

2 Letters received from the Commrs of Indian Affairs I answer to my communications on Indian Affairs - Sioux & Chippeways.

2 Letters from Supt Indn Affairs touching this & & other Subjects

One Letter Comr. Indn Affairs - half yearly atotment to this Agency. June, July & August

Amt $1435. ——— October Nov. & December

Pay of Agent	$750	
Interpreters	225	Treaty Stipulation
Contingencies	75	Black Smith &c
		$360
Fuel & Stationary	25	1075
		Amt. $1435

Letters recd. also for Doct F. B. Barclay, I G Tabaffer & Miss McDillon

Sunday 8th Nov 1835

I have been amused at certain hints & innuendoes thrown out as to the author of a piece in the Galena Adertiser which reflects rather severely on the views of the Am F Co & insinuates that the influence of the present Sec of War was decidedly intended in their favour —

I now here record that I have not the least knowledge of said piece, or the author, & further that I never from any source whatever had reason to understand or believe that such a piece was ~~either~~ intended to be written, much less for publication — the paper in which it appeared I do not take, & was accidentally seen by me at the Sutters Store —

Whatever I do write I am never ashamed to place my remarks over my own proper Signature —

If I had written such a piece - it is scarcely to be presumed that I would address Lt Stockton upon the subject, as our mutual friend was improbably named —

I bear malice against no one - it would be both unfeeling and unchristian like consequently I have endeavoured to make my feelings subservient to better principles -

Let each, and every man get on in this transitory life as he best may - we should not be hasty in our conclusions as to any matter, we should hesitate when remarks are made by artfull or designing persons of others - as prejudices, partialities, vindictiveness or any other motive may seem to indicate —

"All is not gold that glitters" - consequently our fingers may be soiled by touching the base coin —

Believe nothing that you hear, and about one half that you see - Some men act from pure motives, but the larger majority from no motives at all - other than those of mischief - & laugh in their sleeve if by their misrepresentations of the words & acts of others - they can cause an excitement —

Monday 9th Nov 1835

Nothing of importance transpired this day Some three or four Indians at the Office none on particular business with the agent - only work for the Smith -

A Papin called at the Office to shew his hands which were very much burnt & swollen in makeing 100 Traps for the poorer Indians - and as he laboured in great pain - he requested to be excused from the duties of the Shop for a few days = As his hands were evidently in a very bad State, and the Indians all of on their winters hunt - except a few Straglers - I consented to his request —

Had some conversation with Maj Bliss on the Subject of Indian Affairs —

Conversation with Lt Wood on other subjects in part connected with the trades & individuals

Tuesday Nov 10th 1835.

Snow this day - the morning was cold and cloudy. at 11½ Oclk - more mild with a gradual fall of snow.

So long as there is opposition in the fur trade - so long will there be continually engendered - feelings, and actions & words - calculated to disturb friendly intercourse -

16 years experience has taught me not by any means to be too familiar with persons engaged in Indian trade

For a public Officer, an Agent more particularly is watched with a jealous eye - his every word, act & deed is closely canvassed and scrutinized, and unhappily too often by interested & partial observers - to be done even justice at their hands - this feeling has not been concealed it has been insinuated & at one time openly avoued that the Agent - favoured one sett of traders more than another - without specifying exactly in what this favouritism consisted - but so it was -

Now before a just God - to whom I am accountable for every act & deed done & thought on this earth I call him to witness - that I am incapable of such an act of degradation - and that all that I have ever done has been with an eye single to equal justice unto to all - and a jealous preservation of the diversified interests of the Government and of my responsible charge. - I thank my God that I am above a mean action - my Government has fully sustained me in all that I have ever done during a public service of 23 years - I am gratefull for this repeated & continued confidence respond in zeal, integrity, and Abilities - to forfeit my Oath of Office - I accept no bribes - no man dare offer one - to be intimidated may be the aim of some - but the Devil himself cannot

cannot induce me by artfull designs to - leave my even ground or turn one jot, or little from that course which my Government expects its officers to persue - I am free to confess that I have my weaknesses & foliers. but I trust they are too well guarded by honorable feelings to do intentional wrong or injustice to any man, or sett of men on earth - "Our days are few, and full of trouble - why add by evil acts to our misery?

1 - If we know no good of a man - say no harm -

2 - We should mind our own business - & let that of others alone.

3 - Never repeat to one what you may hear of another.

4 - Believe nothing that you hear & one half that you see.

These are maxims if adhered to - tranquility and true neighbourly feeling, & friendly intercourse would be the result -

Recent occurrences have led me to the foregoing remarks.

Wednesday 11th

Mr Baker being at the Agency Office this morning I took occasion to bring the subject of the late piece in a Galena paper - attacking the views of the Am F Company and asked him confidentially thus.

Vr. Have you written such a piece, or do you know the author

Ans - I never wrote, or thought of writing such a piece nor do I who did write it - this I state to you most positively -

The piece under the head of Editorial Column in the Galenian of Oct 20th relative to Indian trade and its successful progress here with the degrading use of ardent spirits - as exemplified in that of Mr Benjamin F Baker - a trader located at the Entry of the S Peters - with branches at the Little Rapids, Little Rock, & Travers des Sioux, was an Extract of a letter to the Editor - written by myself - though much & materially changed -

Thursday 12th Nov. 1835

This day passed as yesterday Nothing of importance happened at the Agency Bill a Sioux of the Upper Sioux 15 years old at Pt 48—
3 others were sold at auction also by Mr Benj F Bakes—

Friday 13th

Cold and unpleasant this morning
Ice running in the Mississippi Since the morning of the 11th inst— This is early from the north— however generally speaking— The Ice commences running about the 13. 14. or 15th of November of each year— and the 1st Frosts at Sept 10th of each fall Season
Mr Duncan Campbell called this morning to report his arrival & departure from & to his home at Grand Encampment below Lake Pepin— & near Chippeway River
Mr. Campbell States That he was at the Prairie and was called to the Council in a Council between Mr Brush delegated by the Government— and Wabasha Chief of the Lower Sioux— relative to the occupation of the Sioux Cession of 1830— by the Winnebagos— Result understood the Chief demands $3000 pr. ann for 30 years in addition to the present Stipulation under Treaty of 1830— of Pt 3700— for Ten Years— This Chief called this at the instance of his Son in law Mr Joseph Rolette— & without consultation with the Wahpaakoota Sioux to whom the Country in question of right belongs—
It is a fact that the first meeting in Council took place by appointment at Mr R.s— house ater at the Office of Colonel Taylor Comdg.

Mr Campbell informing me that Colonel Taylor was to write me on the subject of the Treaty Shop as Wabasha had asked for it & the Colonel stated that he Should be gratified—
Now I see no arrangement that can be made to effect this object unless— This Agency be divested altogether of the Treaty Shop— and the Same be surrendered to Pt Smith to supply the Indians under the Treaty of 1830— & those tribes— numbering 460 heads of families— be left without
It never was intended by me that the Treaty Shop should remain at the Rabbit Skin— on the abolishment of the Agency Shops— the act of June 30th 1834— effected this— and the Treaty Shop was henceforce to this Agency—

Saturday 14th Nov

Duncan Campbell— Licence granted him this day for one year from this date— Trade at Entry of Chippeway River below Lake Pepin with Medawakanton Sioux— Bond Pt 1300—

Sunday 15th

Nothing of importance happened this day—
I walked as far as Lawrence with Maj Bliss the Comdg Officer— This was once a Trading Post— now abandoned & the Buildings which were extensive— have been removed—
The Col Fur Coy Sold out to the American in 1827— to Vapeur— employed him to make a Wood Skin & one to Visit the Indians with— in the course of the Winter—

Monday 16th Novr 1835

Cold & frosty this morning — and the River full of Ice. none is perceptible as yet in the St Peters although the Mississippi has been full on several previous mornings —

The St Peters however heads west word — & the other N West

There being no civil process for the recovery of best debts — at this Post

Laundris Godfrey a poor mulse called on me to ask my aid in seeing him paid for 3½ months services laboriously performed for Abraham Perry —

I stated his age at $58.50 — & told him to present it before witnesses to Perry and if he refused payment to levy on his cattle as he had 50 head — & hold two of the best until ransomed —

Tuesday 17th

Much difficulty in procuring persons to cut wood. no French men to be had for money to do any labour for want of provisions — none to be had at the Post

A long winter before us & no means of rendering ourselves comfortable —

10 cords of wood purchased of J B Raymond for Indn Dept $15 — delivered —

5 cords of Joseph Rearch for $5. — Not delivered but to be sent for 4½ miles —

Mr Gordon Pond called on me this day to know if his services & his Brothers were to be retained as Voluntary assistants in Agriculture for the Indians

I said his services & his Brothers could not now be dispensed with and should so notify the Department —

Wednesday 18th 1835

A remarkable appearance in the heavens at ½ past 9 oclk last night — A crown or head piece — after a general bright train N S E & west from the center of the Heavens & appeared directly over the Agency house —

Mrs T. taken very sick at 3 oclk this morning Violent pain — A Pluralic affection —

Thursday 19th Nov

Ice in the St Peters first this Season — The Mississippi is blocked up the Ice being Stationary Some Snow this morning — it being too cold for much of this article —

Friday 20th

Laundris — Killed one of Perry's oxen for a Debt

Snow fell Six inches this morning —

nothing important transpired during this day Indians out on their hunts —

Saturday 21st Nov

Therm 8½ degrees below zero. — and the two Rivers St Peters & Mississippi fully blocked up the former firm enough to be crossed — the weather is now excessively cold for the season

No news of our Express —

Sunday 22. Nov 1835

Therm.r 10 below zero at Sun rise —
The Smoke from 40 Chimneys begin to bear a
dense & heavy aspect — and is spent Slow to
Some hundred paces perpendicular from the Flues
A beautiful Sight of a morning — in connection
with the Ices bunches hanging on the Trees

Monday 23, Nov

Therm.r 1/2 degs below zero.
Milder during the day. There is Carpeing
on the Ice on both Rivers continually
2 days only of Cold weather, Ice 8/12 to 9 Inches

Tuesday 24 Nov.

Therm.r Zero ~~degrs below zero~~.
No tidings of our monthly Expres: which left
this Post on the 3.d inst for Prairie du Chien —
the arrangement made with I B Raymond to
furnish 15 Cords of wood for Office & Affairs at
this Post — at $1,50 delivered — $ 22.50. —
The Soldiers permitted to have a party at the Agency Hall

Wednesday 25.th

The Little dog (Shunkah Chrisetum) returned from
the upper Country — reports the Sioux Indians
War parties, and others to be prosperous
in their hunts Successfully — he himself has
Killed 1256 Muskrats — His friends Nearly
1300 —

Thursday 26.th Nov 1835

Our Express was sent for & was met at Olive
Grove — Col Stambaugh & the New Sutler came
up — his Boat is up at the head of Lake Pepin
blocked up by the Ice —
A small Mail brought up by the Express. —
Letter Postage 75 cts from Maj I B Brant
1 from Genl. Clark 25 cts — Half yearly Allowance
1 Mr. Dallam appointed Sut. Agt for Chippeways
to be Stationed at Crow Island —
1 Letter from Col Mc Pherson
1 from Lieut Stockton & 1 from A. K. Ottley
That Agt Return — I presume by the papers has been made
Governor of Pennsylvania —

Friday 27.th

very Cold Therm 12 degs below Zero —
Col Stambaugh preparing Teams to send for
his young Men & Their Stores to Lake Pepin —
Sent a Message to the Chippeways on the Mississippi
by Chaskeus Kakkak Interpr — as follows.
My Friends —
I have Send my Tobacco by a friendly Sioux
Your Great Father far off has heard your Cries & he has
listened to your words — He has appointed Mr Dallam
to take care of his Children the Chippeways on their own
Lands — he is soon expected at my house and will
as Soon as the Season permits — he will place his
house at Crow Island — my words are now True and
it is a pleasing to me as I know it will be gratifying
to you all my friends — That I have at last succeeded
in obtaining a Father for you — I hope you will think
of this & try & deserve this good gift — The Sioux
are preparing to give Satisfaction for injuries done
Your Nation — and I am to see this effected —

 My Friends

I hear nothing bad going on among the Sioux. they seem sorry for what injury they have done the Chippeways — It is only the upper tribes who have not listened to good counsels and they shall be made to feel my hand —

Keep your lands clear until your new Father arrives & let him see that you listen to my counsels listen to him as you have done for 16 years to me and you will yet have a bright Sky over your nation on the Mississippi —

Saturday 28th Nov 1835

Therm 13 degs below zero this morning at sun rise — wind due northy ——— half west at 10 —

Nothing of importance transpired this day — Vassuer called to report the Sled finished the one horse affair to Vest the Indians with at their camps on the Chippeway line

Hannah died this evening at or about ½ past 6 —

Sunday 29th

Snow this morning and very cold —

Therm 10 below zero. high wind at 10 Odk Ht —

No news from the Indians — all quiet

Monday 30th Nov.

Therm at 14° below zero

Nothing of a material nature occurred this day — The weather continues cold and occasional snow

No Indians to be seen ——

I now expected for some weeks

The horse train delivered by Nassuer —

Tuesday December 1st 1835

The weather almost too cold to write in the Office

I am preparing letters & documents for the intended monthly Express —

2 New Traps delivered to Heepeedah

Other work — & 1. Rat Spear also —

Wednesday 2d

Requested Mr. Campbell the Interpreter to try the new train — he pronounced on trial the Shafts too short — weather yet cold

I found it too severely cold to to complete my dispatches in my Office — retired to my private residence. —

Thursday 3d

Ordered 2 yoke of Cattle shod of the Indians

Col Slambaughs Clerks arrive from the Village of Red Wing — leave a part of their load on the prairie 40 miles off —

Okarpee — 2 new Traps given to him —

He is old & hunts in the Vicinity

Express mail left for Prairie du Chiens —

Friday 4th

arrived from Lacqui parle with letters from Joseph Renville Sen & the Revd. T S Williamson — the Indians of the North Yandton Sasseton and Wahpeeton tribes of Sioux were on the 23d of November quietly hunting on their lands — No difficulty having occurred since that of the 9th of July & April last past —

Saturday December 5th 1835

Letter Official to Joseph Renville Sur. demanding certain Indians to be brought down & delivered up as early in the Spring as practicable under the orders of the Government on ask of their difficulties with the Chippeways—

Letter also to the Revd. Thos S Williamson as to his continued residence at Lac qui parle

Sunday 6th

William Stitt—a half Chippeway trading on Rum River—employed him to communicate a message to the Chippeways of Snake & Rum Rivers—Miller Lac & Sandy Lake—& also to those on the St Croix—of the appointment of Mr Dallam as their Agent & to reside at Crow Island—&c &c

Monday 7th

Conversation with Maj Bliss at his house,

Maj B. It was his opinion that a Treaty was in contemplation (this a speculation however) with the Sioux for a Cession of Land a large body East of the Miss—governed by the line between the tribes.—

Agent—I feel confident that there is & has been such a plan in contemplation—tho never officially made known to me—but the main object of such a purchase would to be to place the Winnebagos on the West & not East of the Mississippi—therefore if a Treaty be in contemplation at all—it will have for its object the purchase of all the Sioux country from the Cession of 1830—to strike a point from Red Cedar—on to the head waters

of the Terra Blue River—thence to the waters of the River des Canons & following Said River to its mouth—thence with the Mississippi River to the line of Cession of 1830—or it may be varied so as to—touch the River des Moines—Terra Blue & Cannon Rivers

Maj B—I judge speculatively—a good deal—but I hear letters many of them have been written for the purpose of effecting the object we speak of & I should not be surprised to see a Commissioning arrive here next Spring

Agt—I do not know—but such a thing might take place—It is desirable on the part of the traders of the Am Fur Cpy—that a Treaty should be held with the Sioux—The Treaty of 1830 first indicated a disposition to cause the United States to pay them for lost Credits—I then defeated their object in the Treaty of 1830.—For I view the allowance of all such claims as a fraud committed upon the Treasury—tho legalized by a Treaty—

The Company are much opposed to me on this ground & fear me—& would be glad to have me out of the Country—I know too much—and they are fully aware of my independence and that I am not slow in opposing malefic practices—& speaking my sentiments boldly & frankly—I am determined at some future day Major to address the President directly—he abhors inequity, & deception let be put in any shape it may—I will do my duty & in discharging this faithfully he will protect me against a host of such men as seek to rob the Treasury

Tuesday 8th

Wrote an official letter to H H Sibley Esq relative to suspension of the Indian trade with certain tribes

Mr Campbell the Interpreter left with my team for the Swan Camps above Rum River & on the Crow River — to be absent four days —

Wednesday 9th

Nothing of importance transpired this day — Col Stambaugh & several gentlemen of the Fort dine at the Agency — weather cold & but little snow on the surface of the Earth

Thursday 10th

Official letter received from H H Sibley Esq Indian Affairs

Friday 11th

Letter official to H H Sibley in reply to his of the 9th inst

Saturday & Sunday the

12 & 13 nothing of importance transpired Hazen Moors arrives from Little Rock Post on the St Peters — Reports the Death of Joseph Rocquer Senr (alias Mahkah hin dee) employed as a trader at Little Rock by H H Sibley Agt am Fur Cpy —

Horse John Sold to H Moors for $50 —

Monday 14 Decr

Nothing of importance occurred from the 14th to the 17th of this month worthy of note —

Thursday 17th Decr

S Campbell returned from the St Croix on this day 5, deer brought in — The Swan & Chippeways were below the Falls of St Croix — on the Chip land by invitation — Dancing — playing Ball & feasting together — Mr Campbell delivered my Message relative to the Appt of Mr Dallam.

Sunday 20 Decr

The Black Boys Son — died above Rum River brought down by 3 Swans & buried at Lake Calhoun — Coffin made by Lords

Thursday 24 Dec

The Express mail arrived from Rau du Chas
2 Letters from Supt of Indn Affairs
1. Letter from Major J B Brant
1. from N B Taylor Esq — St Louis
1. from Revd B R Hall Bedford —

Friday 25

This day passed off quietly with the usual compliments of the Season Indians call for Christmas gifts —

Saturday 26

Sunday 27

Nothing of importance

Monday 28 Decr 1835–

Weather mild–

Millard called to report his return–

43 Cords cut – paid him $24:87–

Green also. 90 Cords – p.d him $56.25–

Amts — $81"12

J B Maynard — 22.50

Laframbe — — 6.25–

Total 109.73–

Horses expenses &c per return

Tuesday 29–

Commenced my public A/c with U States and drawing Papers & Letters. —

Letter to Supt Indn Affairs

also to Maj Brady at Seneca —

Wednesday & Thursday

30 & 31–

Payments on H Millers Bill as Agent Indn Affs at Fort Snelling

		Contingencies	
Pay of Agent	$375–	Postage stat —	$13.50
Interpreter	75	Received —	5.50
13 months	105–	Coffins for Indians	8.00
Farmer	60	Fuel for do	22 50
		Coal for Shops	30.00

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Marcpeah Snake of Lac qui parle - Status to the Hole in the day & the Stony Indians - two Chippeways as hostages My friend - as the expression this year from different writes the letters every day - Mr Renville put by in a place under the ground 30 small kegs of Powder and a great deal of lead - No one knows any thing of it but Mr R & myself I every year he puts away 40 or 5. Kegs in case of any difficulty with the whites and Indians - Mr Renville told me this in case of difficulty with the whites - all the Indians could come to him & he would give them Powder lead & Tobacco - Marcpeah Snake - further States - The place where the powder is put - is on the right hand side of the gate in the Fort - & No one would suspect where it was - and No one knew but him & Mr Renville -

Dion knows of this and this report of 1829 has been handed about among the Chippeways ever since - with yearly additions -

Marcpeah Snake from being a great friend of Renvilles has for two years past been as much his enemy - and would be likely to repeat again the old story -

Feb 1835 -
Born Feb 1794
41 years old

Law Palaferro

1841

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