Lawrence Taliaferro papers.

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Maj Galiferro

Ate urodorado nupa
mayagu Ktedo
cari nita wamagu pizni
Ate taku wasi mani edo
uxi maya daxni Joki taku hemaya-
- Niyexni
ettkana waji mayagu Ktedo
Jokini taku cicidaxni
Juve woapi ope Kikun tan yanKte-
- hehapi Jawetan uxi madaxni

hudka midu hexni

mayavandamani

Ate zina rota mayagu Ketedo
tu wetan taku magnexni
nakar Kodka nakutaku gupizni

List of Trading Posts
Within the Agency at St Peters - Upper Mississippi

No 1. At the Mountain in the Water
" 2 At Mouth of Chippeway River
+3+ At Olive Grove - near St Croix { abolished 1834
4 At the Entry of the River St Peters
5 On the River des Cannons
6 At the Upper Forks of Desmoines River
7 At the Mixed Lakes —
8 At the Little Rapids
9 At the River Deroche
10 At Traverse des Sioux
11 At Lac qui parle —
12 At Lac Traverse —
13 At Same Forks on Red River of Hudsons Bay
14 At the River Desembarras —
15 - 25 miles North of Forks of Red Cedar
16 = At the Little Rock on the St Peters —
17 = At the Cheyanne Fork of Red River of Hudsons Bay

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The Plan from Location to be abolished after the Present Season - Say Sept 1834 - for reasons of policy - and is now abolished and regular notice thereof given Officially

The U States Dr to Lawrence Talleyferro			Amt Dolls	Remarks Shewing the object of the Expenditure
1832 June	30	For his pay or salary		

Received Pittsburg Agency this 30th day of June 1833 of Lawrence Talleyferro Mem Agent - the sum of dolls and cents in full of the above account -

Duplicate

This form answers for all the Officers & Bend men of the Agency - also for Contingent accts 2020

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Fort Snelling 13 Jan 1832

Major,

I embrace an unexpected opportunity to write a short letter to you.

Since my return no Indians have come to see me — they are all inland, and have behaved remarkably well so far

You are aware I believe of the blow struck upon the Ioways by the Sioux, and of the demand made for the aggressors — As yet it has been found impracticable to comply with the instructions of the Superintendent on that subject.

It is pretty well established now

I believe, that the Sacs or Foxes killed last fall by the Scouts were trespassers upon their hunting grounds

The traders continue to talk about each others violation of the laws, but no positive information has as yet been laid, and I give myself no trouble about their pin side accusations of one another

Be pleased to mention us in the kindest terms to Mrs J.

Lawrence runs all about and is a most mischievous young rascal I am D. Sir

Your obt st

E. J. Sanford

Maj Talliaferro

All well except Mat Jouett, and he, poor little fellow, looks like he never would recover

I will write again in a few days

Fort Snelling } Free
17 Jan 1832 }

Lieu E. J. Langham
1st Fort Snelling

Maj: Lawrence Taliaferro
Now at Washington City
District of Columbia

Bedford Pa

Department of War,
March 9th 1832

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th instant in relation to the 4th article of the treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830, has been received.

The Department in its construction of the provisions of that article, considered the use of oxen indispensable in working the ploughs and carts. You are therefore authorized to turn over to the Sioux the three yokes purchased by you for their benefit, and charge the amount in the settlement of your accounts with the Government.+

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Lewis Cass

Lawrence Taliaferro Esq
Indian Agent
Washington

+ out of the appropriation under the 4th article of the treaty

Department of War
Office Indian Affairs
April 4th 1832

To Maj.
Lawrence Taliaferro
Sir

In reply to your letter of 4th ult to the Secretary of War, I have the honor to state, that the establishment of a Sub agency at or near Crow Island might have a tendency to prevent hostile occurrences between the Sioux and the Chippewa Indians. But it being contemplated by the Department to send some person during the ensuing summer on an exploring tour in that region, no appointment will be made until the reception of the consequent report. That will furnish a more particular and enlarged views of our relations and interest in that quarter and of the expediency of the proposed establishment.

With great respect
Your hubble servt.
Elbert Herring

Relative to Sub Agent for Chippewas of Upper Miss.

1832

April 4 1832

Department of War
Genl Cop.

Office Indian Affairs
Elbert Herring

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To Maj
Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
care of Genl Wm Clark. Sup In. Affs
St Louis
Missouri

[May 5, 1832]

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AN ACT

To provide the means of extending the benefits of Vaccination, as a preventive of the Small Pox, to the Indian Tribes, and thereby, as far as possible, to save them from the destructive ravages of that disease.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the several Indian Agents and Sub-Agents, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to take such measures as he shall deem most efficient, to convene the Indian tribes in their respective towns, or in such other places, and numbers, and at such seasons as shall be most convenient to the Indian population, for the purpose of arresting the progress of small pox among the several tribes, by vaccination.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War be and he hereby is, empowered to employ as many Physicians or Surgeons, from the army or resident on the frontier near the point where their services shall be required, as he may find necessary for the execution of this act; and, if necessary, two competent persons to conduct the Physicians to the remote Indians who are infected, or may be in immediate danger of being infected, with the small pox, whose compensation shall be six dollars per day, and six men, whose compensation shall be twenty-five dollars per month.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, to cause all Indian Agents to be supplied with genuine vaccine matter; and all Agents and Sub-Agents shall use all proper means to persuade the Indian population to submit to vaccination.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all Agents, Sub-Agents, Physicians and Surgeons, employed in the execution of this act, shall make monthly returns or reports of their proceedings to the War Department. And the Secretary thereof shall submit to Congress, on or before the first of February next, a general report of all proceedings in the premises.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That, to carry this act into effect, the sum of twelve thousand dollars be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. C. CALHOUN,
Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

APPROVED, May 5, 1832.
ANDREW JACKSON.

Ill. Indian Agency at Prairie du Chien May 24. 1832.

Major Law. Talliaferro
Ind. Agent at St. Peters

Sir,

I am this moment informed that an express takes the mail for St. Peters in half an hour, and I avail myself of a few moments previous to making it up to advise you of the state of things in this & the country immediately below.

No mail has been rec.d from below Galena for three weeks, and we are consequently ignorant of what Congress is doing. Our advices from the seat of war are only rumour, tho' mainly correct, as it was brought by men from the army to Galena. (Militia) Genl. A. and his regulars were progressing up Rock River in S. B. and were near Dixons Ferry, where Gov. Reynolds with 1600 mounted men from Ill. were encamped.

On the 13th & 14, a detachment of about 200 mounted men from Ill. under Genl. Stillman moved up Rock River on the South Bank, and Major Eades with 100 men preceded the detachment, discovered a small party of scalping Indians in the Prairie, and pursued them until they entered a point of timber, he then halted and the Indians also halted & wheeled. Some whites pushed on & attacked and killed three Indians. Immediately a large body of Indians poured out of the timber upon them, and an running fight ensued back to the plain where the rest of the detachment under Genl. Stillman were encamped. The men were encamped and their horses loose in the Prairie. The Indians rushed on them and a general rout and confusion ensued, in which we lost 20 men killed & missing. Eades' command fought bravely, and many Indians were known to be killed. This was 36 miles in advance of the main army under Gov. R. and Dixons Ferry. Next day Genl. Whiteside went out with a large detachment, to the battle ground, and found 12 bodies of white-men

which were buried, but not an Ind. dead or alive. Since we have no certain intelligence from the Army or the Indians, and are making ready to receive the Indians here with as hearty a reception as our small means and dismantled works will permit.

From the above you will perceive the Sacs & Foxes are on the East side of the Mississippi, on Rock River more than 100 miles from the Mississippi, in the County of the Winnebagoes of Rock River within the Agency of Mr. Gratiot. Reports say the principal part of the Winnebagoes South of the Wisconsin have joined the Sacs & Foxes, and we apprehend an attack at this place. I do not believe one Indian within the bands of my Agency have or will join the hostile against the whites.

The S. B. Dove was here 3 days since from Galena, prepared by the Citizens of that place to come here for arms, which they got and immediately returned. The people of Galena were forting. The openings at Fort Crawford have been closed by pickets, and the works put in as complete a state of defence as could be in so short a time & under exciting circumstances.

The Sacs & Foxes and Winnebagoes of Rock River are said to be concentrating at the Blue Mound about 80 Miles East of this place. Genl. Dodge is with 100 volunteers at Dodgeville, and more are flocking to his aid. His son is now recruiting in the Mines.

I have no doubt Genl. G. has formed a junction with Gov. R. and that they are moving on upon the Indians. I trust no further loss will be sustained. Blood is now drawn, and I most devoutly hope these common disturbers of the peace of this section of country, will be completely beaten. If not there is no hope for quiet after this in this country.

Is it not strange that 10 or 11 days should have elapsed since the battle affair with the Ind. and yet there is no express, or letter from Genl. G.?

I have paid 67 of your Dragoons, the remainder 31 will be here it is said in a few days. I found it impossible to get all at one time. The first who came (with whom was Wabashaw, the French Crow & most of the principal men) wanted me to give them the money without division and they would divide it. When convinced that I would not do that they received their portions, with much complaining as to the quantity and they say inequality of the division. Many Indians too are of different families from the list, if they can be believed. Some who have a family marked to them are single persons, and many single persons on the list, have families. I assured them it could not now be altered, and that they in all probability had been the cause of the error by giving in the census erroneously. That I would endeavour to take a new census of them previously to another payment, if they were placed within my Agency. This satisfied them, and they in a set speech by Wabashaw and an other by the French Crow, desired I would say to you, and to their Great Father that they wanted, to be placed under my Agency, or in other words, we want you for our Father, and we want you to pay us our money, to take the management of our Shop, and of our agricultural establishment: – They also complained of the want of Open Ld. I briefly answered that I w.d let you know their wishes & if their G. F. deemed I would be their Agent Ld. – I apprehend they are a discontented people, and hard to please. It was

not untill I put up the money and told them I w^d return it to you, that they agreed to receive it in any other way than in a lump to divide at home. When the found one resolved, they soon agreed to receive whatever I would pay them. We are all well. If there are any Cranberries to be had send me a bag.

I am with great respect your obt. S^t.

Jos. M. Street U. S. Ind. Agt.

There are 48 Ships here who will leave today. — Ens.

Maine Augusta Kennebec Co.
Nov 24.

Hon
Moses Law. Sullivan
Ind. Agent at
Penobscot.

T. Peters.

Expedite mail.

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Yellow Stone June 23d
1832

Maj S. Talliafero
Dear Sir

I wrote you somtime in March last informing you of the intention of the Government to immediately enter on the Execution of the Surveys growing out of the Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 1830 as also the desire of the Department of War that these Surveys should be done in presence of the Nations of Indians interested, Since which time the line established by an earlier treaty between the Sacks & Sioux has been run as also the line parallel to it between U.S purchase of 1830 & the Sioux lands laying off of 20 miles, the lower line between the Sacks & the U States is not yet run and indeed I am doubtful whether it can be done at this time, having applied to the Commanding Officer Fort P. du Chien for protection and been refused (although his orders are to furnish it

Some fifty Sioux are now here and I have explained to them the points which these two lines touch, and they appear much pleased, but say they cannot venture to accompany me to look at the lines for fear of the great Lake Sacks & Foxes

Yours Frnd and
obt Servt Sot
J L Dean

P.S. Last not least
you must make my kindest respects to Mrs. Taliaferro as also to my Langham Family

J L Dean

Ate na za Cakse
father from cutter,
Wan na Wa hae kte do
I am here and ask you
Ja[illegible] Ya ta fe
[illegible]
Ja[illegible] stin
[illegible]
A[illegible]
[illegible] na ni
[illegible]

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Yours truly and obt Servt

J. L. Dean

P.S. Cast not lost

You must make my kindest respects to Mrs. Talcafero as also to Maj Langham & family

J. L. Dean

Ate maza Sakse
Father Iron Cutter
Wan na Wa hoe kte do
I am here and ask you
Taku Ju ta pi
Give me something
Taku Ju ha pi ci stin
Give me some little thing.
Ate maju Wo
Father pity me
Ma Za ku te ma ni
Iron that shoots Walking.
Zela Ka mupe
Letter

Indian attempts to pacify

Province du Chien
23 June

1843

Maj. S. Taliaferro
U. S. Indian Agent
Saint Peters

for mail

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U. S. Ind. Agency at Prairie du Chien 23d June 1832.

Maj. L. Talliaferro

Dear Sir,

Genl. Dodge came upon a party of 11 Sacs on the 16th who had just killed a white man near Col. Hamilton's Fort in the Mining district, and with 25 or 30 men killed the whole of them. The action lasted about 2 or 3 minutes. One white man was shot before the Indians were discovered who were concealed in the brush, and four were wounded in the action, two of the wounded will probably die. Such was an Ind. was left to bear the tidings to their friends.

All the Sioux, but six have returned to their plains without being in an action or attempting to strike a blow. They got to Genl. Dodge the day after he had killed the 11 Ind. and went to the ground & scalped & mangled the dead Indians and are now dancing with their scalps. They are on their way home, and their courage has wholly evaporated.

Of all the Ind. force sent down only the Menomonies & 6 Sioux remain. The Menomonies say they are determined to be revenged on the Sacs & Foxes personally before they quit. I have no doubt they will make a brave stand; but the Sioux are cowardly, and ought to go home and hoe corn.

We have nothing further from the Regular

Army. The last news left them safe at Dimons Ferry Florida. But no hostile movement on their part indicated that they were in the country as far as I can learn. There has been several murders of white families who were defenseless in Illinois, on the Ile River and in that direction. One mail is stopped by the Inds. who infest the road and we hear nothing from below.

I have not time to give you a more detailed account & must answer your letters by some other conveyance. Rolette and Bailey are waiting a Steam Boat to go up, which is expected in a few days.

All well

In haste as the mail waits yours &c

Jos. M. Street
U.S. Ind. Agt.

Prairie du Chien W.T.
23 June

Jos. M. Street
Post Master

Free

Major Lawr. Taliaferro
U.S. Ind. Agt. &c

J. Peters

June 24. 1832.

Dear Sir, My engagements are such I am unable to write. I am trying to start in a few minutes 20 or 30 Horse raised for Genl. Dodge, for fear they may not reach in time.

I informed you Dodge had an engagement with 11 Sacs – and killed three my son (the 16 inst.) and had four wounded, two mortally. Capt. J. M. Stephenson of Galena mounted men followed a party who had stolen 10 Horses from apple Creek. Stephenson had 12 men and there were perhaps 15 or 20 Inds. ten on the Stolen Horses. They got in sight of the Inds. who took to a thicket, and after many fruitless attempts to get them out, Capt. S. ordered his men to dismount & charge on foot right into the thicket. In a few seconds they were in the

midst of the Inds. fighting hand to hand with
Knives, Guns, tom-hawks and Spears & bayonets.
They Killed 5 or 6 of the Inds. and lost
3 men Killed. They got 9 of the Horses,
one Ind. escaped on horseback during
the action. The Inds. fought with great
desperation. In Dodge's action the Chief made
a lunge at D. with his spear, and Dodge's Rifle
flashed, and he drew a pistol from his belt
and shot a bal through his head when the Ind.
was within 8 feet of him. The bal entered
just below the eye on the side of his nose & he
dropped dead — Yours in haste

Jos. M. Street.

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War Department
July 26. 1832

Sir,

In consequence of representations, recently made to the Department, you are directed to grant no licenses to persons to trade with any of the Indian tribes, except those resident within the limits of your own Agency.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
John Robb
Actg Adjt Genl

Maj.
L. Taliaferro
St. Peters

No Licenses to be granted by the Agent at Peoria for Trin Ang Other Agency

Department of War.
John Robb
acting Secy of War

To Maj Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian agent ~~at St Peters~~
~~Sec of Gd War Clark~~
~~St Louis~~
~~Mo.~~

Bedford
Pensylvania.

Fort Snelling
September 1st 1862

Dear Major,

Your letter of July 18th came safe to hand - I wrote you in July, and sent you some vaccinating calls - I was sorry to hear of your sickness, and trust your health is reestablished - I take pen in hand to give you some account of your Sioux Soldiers - you no doubt have heard of the termination of the Sioux war - Col Taylor writes me that on the 2d August, 40 miles above the Prairie, the Indians were attacked just in the act of robbing the Mississippi river - 100 were killed, about sixty prisoners, about ten killed of the white, and twelve wounded - the troops were on the shore, and in steam boat - The Sioux had been naturally before to be in readiness in the West shore - they therefore commenced the work of destruction, and destroyed, it is supposed,

nearly 200. this is the Indian story — but probably true as the express states, that he saw an immense number of scalps among the Sioux. the river full of bodies all scalped and mangled — they have about 40 prisoners women — about 100 at the Prairie who are to be sent to Rock Island Genl Scott & Wilkinson went to Rock Island on the 10th Ultimo — Genl S. arrived at the Prairie on the 6th left his troops behind — Sweet held a council here with the Sioux, who came to dance preparatory to going against the Sacs — he advised them not to go just then, but they declared their determination to go, and left the next morning the 19th about 200 warriors to try and overtake the balance of the Sacs — Crooks has gone to Rock Island. he left here on the 5th August — the next day, in the lake near the Lovers leap, he was robbed of his provisions by a war party of Chippewas, supposed, from best accounts, about 30, or 40 — he had with him 7 soldiers in a Mackinaw boat — all armed, with their muskets — there was no fighting, they came up in succession, and took what they wanted — nothing as yet has been heard

direct from Crooks — they then proceeded to Red Wings village ~~opposite~~ or rather opposite to it, killed a Sioux woman — the old men of the village went in pursuit, the others being absent — said to be only 7 men, and pursued the Chippewas who made for Chippewa river, and left their canoes 7 in number in possession of the Sioux — these accounts are given by the men who were with Crooks, and have returned, and are corroborated by Brown who has arrived from the St Croix river — On the 24th July Schoolcraft, accompanied by Lt Allen, with some soldiers, and Mr Johnson, his brother in law, together with a Doctor, who was vaccinating the Indians, and a minister arrived here, remained one day, and held a council with the Sioux, advised them to peace with the Chippewas &c — he came down the Mississippi — I insert these details may prove of some interest to you — I have heard nothing yet of any change of posts — how did you hear the report of my going away — If you go to Washington, I wish you would find out what they are going to do with me. I should like to go on furlough in the spring — Mrs joins me in warm regards to Mrs S. and yourself, and very much wish Mrs S. was here — Your friend R. C. Wood.

P.S. All the hogs in this vicinity absent after the Sacs & Foxes — Thermometer yesterday morning 34 —

Prairie du Chien W.T.
Sept. 6
Major Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
One of Humphrey Dillon Esq.
Beaver
Pennsylvania

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War Department
Sept. 22. 1832

Sir,

Your letters of the 17th & 18th are before me. It is due to Mr. Schoolcraft to say, that the order of the 26th of July, was not issued in consequence of any representations made by him, it was directed to other Agents beside yourself.

Your draft in favor of Mr. Dellow has not been presented here, the amount of it cannot be paid to you or any other person, until the Department receive some assurance that it will not be. It was not the intention that the services of Surgeons in vaccinating should be paid, until the whole duty was completed, & in most of the instructions this was expressed. The inconvenience of a contrary practice will be so great, that the Department is unwilling to depart from the rule, unless in cases of peculiar emergency. For the present therefore, I must decline issuing a requisition for Twenty four dollars, the amount of Doct. Wood's account enclosed by you.

Very respectfully
I am Sir,
Your obt Svt
John Robt
Secy. at War

Major
L. Taliaferro
Redford Springs
Va.

War Department
John Robb
Acting Secy.

Draft not found
a curious letter
Jno Robb
Acting Secy

Maj.
Lawrence Taliaferro,
Indian Agent.
Bedford Springs
Penna.

St Peters 9th November 1832

Sir

Finding it necessary for our own Convenience to add Several buildings to our Establishment at Fort Factory & being in want of Pine Timber for that purpose as also for the repairs of the old Buildings, I would wish to know, Sir, if you have any Objection to a party of Men being sent up the Rum River some time this winter for the following timber

25 to 30 Thousand Shingles
2 to 3 Hundred Logs for Boards & Plank
2 to 3 Hundred do of Sundry demensions

Respectfully Your
Obt. Sr
Alexis Bailly

St. G. Vail
actg. Agent Ind: affs
St Peters

[1833]

there is a Pe post Rox this is an account of F. moing the Indians
that is coming 300 hundred half Breeds
to whom Dalan leaves to defend their
Trade and the Vent may be a fate be
tween the 2 nations, accordin to there
Judgement it will accour a Bant mud
Summer if not then it will be all a
Log

Mr J. B. Fermbough tels me that he has not
heard any thing of it and neither dos he Believe
it, Brothe of Black Eagl dide a sudden
deth and the Back Eagl wish to go against
the Scaus & Foxes test it is Stoped

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Recorded
of
Sub Agent A. Grooms
The Stabbing of C. B. F. II
by Cook Ron Chas
&
Half Breeds of Red River
Attacking Dakotas
Tracking Horses

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Department of War
Off. Indian Affs.
Feby. 27th. 1832.
[1833]

Sir

During your absence from your Agency, you will be pleased, in future, to direct your official communications to Lieut. Vail, the officiating Agent, instead of addressing them to the Interpreter as is alleged has been heretofore done

With high respect,
Your humb. Serv.
Elbert Herring

Major L. Taliaferro
Bedford
Pa.

Bedford March 3d 1833 — 177

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 27th of February past — with the contents of which I have felt some surprise — reflecting as it does upon my knowledge of the rules, and etiquette of the Service, after an experience of near twenty years. — I hope you could not have been "so ungenerous" as to have "made me" your "Messenger". — During my absence from the Agency at St Peters — I have uniformly, (when expedient) made official communications to the Commanding Officer of Fort Snelling previous to, and since Lieut Vail's assumption of it after the departure of Capt W.R. Sowle on furlough, and can safely state to the best of my knowledge that I have addressed but one letter to my Interpreter, and that upon subjects which the interests of the Service required at my hands, and to impress upon his mind the necessity of a faithful discharge of his public duties, and an entire submission to the orders of the Officer Commanding in all matters, and things appertaining to the Agency. —

I have the honor to be
With very high respect
Your Obt Svt

Lewis Saliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

To Elbert Herring Esq
Commr. of Indn Affairs
Washington

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Department of War
Office Indian Affairs
March 8th 1833

Sir,

Yours of the 3rd inst: has been received, and I regret that you should have indulged such misconstruction of my letter of the 27th ultc. My communication to you was induced by a letter from Genl Clark on a representation by Lieut Vail, and was not intended in the least as a rebuke for want of ~~official~~ knowledge or etiquette. Lieut Vail had probably heard of the letter to your Interpreter, and feeling wounded that you had overlooked him, and corresponded with his subaltern, represented the fancied slight as if it had been an intentional incivility.

Surely, the subject does not require another word, and I conclude with expressing a hope, that the improvement of your health will soon enable you to resume the duties of your agency.

I am Sir
With great respect
Your hble Sr.
Elbert Herring

Maj L Taliaferro
Bedford
Penna

Department of War,
Office Indian Affairs,
April 6. 1833.

Sir,

An exculpatory statement has been received by the Department from Genl. Street, on behalf of the Chippewa Indians who attacked Lieut. Cross in August last, and murdered a Sioux woman near Lake Pepin, in which it is alledged "that they meant to do no harm to Lieut. Cross, or any white man, that they were hungry and took something to eat, and Lieut. Cross did not seem to care any thing about it."

It would appear from their own statement that their conduct was altogether unjustifiable - They took provision from Lieut. Cross and did not ask for it - If they had been in want and had asked Lieut. Cross for provision, he would have given to them, if he could have spared it.

It is left to your discretion to adjust this matter with them - you will represent to them the extreme impropriety of their conduct, their exposure to punish=ment, and the clemency of the Government, but a certainty of punishment on a repetition of similar misconduct by any of their People.

You will however demand from them the

sur=

surrender of the person or persons, who shot and scalped the Sioux Woman; and you will report to the Department the result of your proceedings.

With great respect,
Your hu.ble Servt.
Elbert Herring

To Major
L. Taliaferro,
Indian Agent,
St. Peters.

Letter from
Comm. Indn Affs.
To
L. Julian
Apl 6th 33
Lewis Cass - & Ind. Stuns
Letter

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Indian Agency St Peters
June 3d 1833 –

Sir

On the 26th of January last past the Wahpeton Sioux of Lacque parle crossed the Mississippi, and attacked the Chippeways on the head waters of Rum River – and killed Eight and wounded two – the Sioux lost one man – There wer five different conflicts on either side of the line between the tribes referred to during the year 1832 – and the result stands at present thus – on the part of the Sioux 30 – men women & children killed

On the part of Chippeways 10 men killed. –

The Sioux within our vicinity are peaceably friendly and are disposed to be at peace with us – as well as with their neighbours –

The remote tribes at Lacs qui parle & Traverse consisting of the Wahpeton, Sapeton & Yancton Bands of Sioux as well as the Chippeways are likely to continue their predatory warfare in the course of the present summer – very respectfully yr mo obt servant

Major John Bliss –
Comdg, Fort Snelling

Lard Talliaferro. –
Indian Agent at St Peters

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Indian Agency St Peters
June 10th 1833.

General –

It becomes my special duty to require the removal of Alexis Bailly Esqr. a citizen trader near this Agency on the following Charges. –

That the said Alexis Bailly did on, or about the 8th Inst. ~~did~~ ask to see, or was handed my letter of the same date which had been officially addressed to one other trader, by name (Joseph R Brown), which letter was conveyed by Nasiampoh a respectable half man of the Sioux – and the said Alexis Bailly did say to said Indian, that his Father (the Agent) was a fool for writing such a letter, & that he (Nasiampoh) was a greater fool for being the bearer of it – & at the same time applying said letter in a beggar manner to his person – thereby treating the government with contempt in the persons of Indians in the person of their Agent – and also for being guilty of a similar offence in the winter of 1825-6 which he has had the hardihood to admit – and does not deny or affirm the ~~first~~ 2d offence – which however is susceptible of proof. – My letter to Jos R Brown at which exception was taken is herewith enclosed. –

I have the honor to be
Your obt Svt
Lawr Taliaferro
Indn Agt

Genl Cass Sec
War
for the affairs

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Copy Letter to Capt
Removal of Certain persons
Cayenne

A Bailey

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Agency House St Peters
May 26th 1830

Sir/

The Indians by receiving whiskey in broken doses are by its Kept in a constant excitement a State which every man must deplore. It is now time that they should be planting, and working out for the means of subsistence or Stamina during the greater part of the year Humanity calls for the present prohibition on the Subject of whiskey to Indians, and I hope you will attend to it. —

Very respectfully
Yr. obt Servt

Lawr Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

To Alexis Bailly Esq
St Peters
near Fort Snelling

[The original document, of which this is a photocopy, is filed under date of May 26, 1830]

Letter of 10th June 1833.

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So far as the conduct of Mr Alexis Bailly is implicated in the within letter in reference particularly to his remarks to the Indian Nasiampahs on delivering a certain ~~letter~~ note from the Agent to Joseph R Brown on the date specified is literally true, and I can in ~~a~~ due course of law substantiate the facts as I was present at the time as well as Mr Brown

Given this 6th day of June 1836

Lgd P Prescott

In presence of—

Benjamin F. Baker

Alexr S Mire

As regards the within charge I certify that so far as regards "applying said letter in a vulgar manner to his person" I recollect distinctly, but cannot say positively the language used or language sent to the Agent, Major Taliaferro — but believe it was in substance as stated in the charge.

Given at Pelins Agency House this 8th day of June 1836

Lgd Jos R. Brown

[The original document, of which this is a photocopy, is filed under date of June 8, 1836]

Letter of the 18th of June

I hereby certify that in a conversation with Alexis Bailly between the 25th and 31 July 1834 that the said Bailly stated to me that he had taken the Chippewa Indian called the "Strong Ground" down with him to Prairie du Chiens for the purpose of complying with a promise he had made him to give him a Keg or Kegs of whiskey – given from under my hand at Saint Peters this 7th day of June 1836 –

Signed. Alexr. S Mitchell

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May 26 1830

Copy Letter

To A Bailey

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The U States Treas Dept Dr			Amt Dolls		Remarks Showing the object of the Expenditure
1832					
June	30	For his pay or salary			

Received Treas Agency This 30th day of June 1833 - of Lawrence Salesperso Treas Agent - the sum of Dolls and Cents in full of the above account

Duplicate

This form answers for all the Officers & Men of the Agency - also for Contingent expts 2020

[June 30, 1833]

[Aug. 5, 1833]

BLACK HAWK AND HIS PARTY AT HOME.—We have been favored with the following letter from an intelligent correspondent, dated

Fort Armstrong, Upper Mississippi,
August 5, 1833.

The whole suite arrived here a few days since, loaded with assumed dignity and costly presents.

Keokuck's band speedily followed to welcome their brothers; a grand council assembled, among whom was myself, to witness the deliverance of the Hawk to his nation. The council opened with the address of the president to Black Hawk, in which he is informed that in future he was to yield supremacy to his inferior, Keokuck, the white man's friend.

The old chief rose in violent agitation, denied that the president had told him so, and said that he would not be advised by any body; that he wanted what he said to be told to the president, and that he in person would have said so in Washington, but that his interpreter could not sufficiently make known his views. The colonel made to him a speech, stating that by his own treaty neither he nor his people could for the future head a band; and that by that treaty Keokuck was placed head of the Sac nation, &c. Keokuck spoke awhile to the Hawk, then addressed the council, begged nothing might be remembered of what the Hawk said; that he was too old to say any thing good, and that he was answerable for his good behaviour. The poor old chief recalled his words, and I do not know that my sympathies were ever more excited than in witnessing his expiring struggle for freedom. Nothing but his advanced age, and want of military power will prevent him from making another effort. In the sequel, Keokuck's band gave us a splendid dance; but the Hawk's party were either too dejected or to sullen to participate in the festivities.

You may tell the good citizens of New York, these Indians would willingly get up another war in order to make another visit to the east and return loaded with presents, and almost satiated with attention.—*D. Adv.*

DEPARTURE OF THE DELAWARE.—Our minister to France, the Hon. Edward Livingston, has taken his departure for France. He went out in the noble ship of the line, Delaware, of 74 guns. It is supposed his

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Superintendy of Ind. Affs.
St Louis, Sept. 2, 1833.

Dan. Talliaferro, Esq
Ind. Agent.

Sir,

You will receive herewith copies of two letters of the 13th ult. from the Acting Comm. of Ind. Affs. in relation to the suggestions contained in your communications of the 4th & 5th July last to me, as well as in that forwarded thro' this office from you to the Comm. on the subjects of the Sioux boundary line, the withdrawal of traders from among the Chippeways, & the appointment of an agent for those Indians.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Ob. Svt.

Wm Clark

(Copy)

Department of War
Office Ind: Affairs
August 13. 1833

Sir,

In answer to Major Talliaferro's recommendation, that all the Traders should be withdrawn from the Chippeways of the Mississippi & St Peters, I am instructed to inform you, that no general direction to that effect can be given. If any of these persons can be proved to have been guilty of misconduct, their licenses should be revoked, and they obliged to leave the Indian Country. But without Specific & well established charges it is not proper for the Department to act.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
(Signed) D. Kurtz
Acting Commr

Genl: Wm Clark
Supt Ind: Affs
St Louis Mo

The second enclosure of August 13, 1833 has not been found.

To St. Peters 1st January 1834

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Major John Bliss
Comdg. Fort Snelling &c
Act. Agt. Ind. affs.

Sir

The purport of this, is to inform you officially of several outrages committed by several Sioux Indians, on their Traders within the Section of Country where I have Trading Posts thereby evincing a Spirit of hostility that augurs no good to the future peace of this Country.

I will commence by stating that Mr. Joseph R. Brown (One of my Traders) some time in October last. Whilst collecting debts due him by the Indians of Red Wings Band and securing Traps, guns, Spears axes &c he had loaned those Indians, Was nearly Stabbed by one of them, the arm holding the Knife being arrested by a person standing by at the time, I would remark, Major Grooms Sub. Ind. Agent of this Post was in Company with Mr. Brown at the time this outrage was attempted, which had not any thing to provoke it, also the Indians of Pine Bend Band wantonly destroyed for Mr Brown several of his Stock of Hogs during the last summer.

Just about the same time in October last Mr Louis Provencalle Trading at the Traverse des Sioux Location on the St. Peters. had one of his Cows Shot near his house, and the Indian who did so now boasts of having a Knife sharpened to despatch him.

About the end of November last Mr. Jean Bt. Faribault Trading at the Little Rapids of the St. Peters (one of the Locations) Was

that

was nearly killed by an Indian who Stabbed him in the back whilst he was in the act of Shutting his Store dore, and in a most unprovoked manner. Mr. Farrebault being that day busy ~~treating~~ ~~trusting~~ the individuals of that Indians Band, and had previous to this nearly lost his life by Several attempts being made whilst Collecting debts due him as well as Traps. Guns. axes, Spears &c also an Indian by the Name of the Rattler seems to have declared War against his Stock of Hogs. by killing nine of them, some being verry Large.

About the Last of November I sent two Waggon Loads of Goods & Stores to Mr. Alex. Farrebault. Trading on the Demoine Locations, in Charge of Mr. L. Rolette, those two Waggons were Stopped in a Wood Called the Bois Franc about a hundred Miles from this place, by a party who Compelled my People to give them Powder & Lead, Stating at the time their Original intention of Compelling goods to be given them, and menacing of making Crows meat of the Men Yoked to the Waggons. Such Sir are the Outrages I have to Complain in behalf of my Traders, as for my part though living under the Protection of your Guns, I have not escaped without some damages and threats, repeated Complaints were made to Major Taliaferro the Indian Agent last summer with requests to interfere his authority & put an end to an evil that was daily encreasing, but wether from Supineness or indolence (I cannot Say) the evil has encreased to that Magnitude, that the

2 years ago

the Indians now menace our lives with as little remorse as they formerly did the lives of our Stock. Here is an extract of the Letter informing me of the Stoppages of my Waggons in the Bois Franc. the writer says "they said that if you had been here present they should have had goods at any rate or else you should not have Paped, I merely mention this, as you have to pap that way on your way to this place you had better be a little on your guard"

Now Sir I understand by that my life would be in danger did I attempt to Visit that Trading Post as I am in duty bound to do. and for What I cannot Say or even guess, unless it be that as the Agent Taliaferro promissed that Band a Trader last Summer and failing to do so. they the Indians Looked on my people or myself as bound to make his words good, or what is more probable, and from the Idea they all have (owing to the ignorance they are Kept in relative to that matter) of the unlimited power of the Agent over the Traders as well as the Indians, and as he had made them a promise we had no right to exercise a will of our own in the Matter.

It has been my Opinion from the first sight of the Indian agent's Public Notice of the 12th July last (of which I presume you have a Coppy in the office) that evil would come of it, the Traders in that Notice are forbidden taking their Property &c, a Council was held were similar Language was used, was it not forbidding them to be honest? how could we compel an Indian to pay a debt, when he knew he could refuse with impunity besides nothing had occured, to Justify such Language as that

that held in the agent's Notice of the 12th July Last.
In reference to that Notice, it was like all other Public Notices Posted for the benefit of all parties, the Indians it could not hurt except in their Morals, but the Traders, were left at the mercy of every evil disposed persons (and god knows there are a few in this place) who could speak Sioux & read english, to give it what Interpretation (from its equivocal nature) they choose to give it
Traders are declared "Out of Protection" by that Notice if they attempt to Secure their property, this told by a man who is looked upon by the Indians as their father & told to whom? to men that know of no Laws but their will, is it not an incitement to act dishonestly. I know it to be a fact that Indians have stated they fully Comprehended that the Traders were out of Protection Should they attempt to Secure even an axe had they Loaned it, I leave you Sir to infer the Consequences of such dangerous declarations to men who will naturally take the wrong side, as an Instance, a few days before the Notice a Clerk of mine had Loaned Several Guns to the Indians, on its promulgation he wanted to get them back but they would not return them, & Spoke of the Notice, he applied to Major Taliaferro, stating his personal responsibility Should they remain in their Hands, to this reasonable request he gave a positive denial, saying that as he had done so he must run the risks. It is therefore as you will perceive on no unreasonable grounds that I say, the source of the hostile feelings of the Indians are partially

to be attributed to the evil Counsel and mistaken zeal of the Indian agent: and to Interpreters on whom the agent knows he cannot and ought not to place any reliance

You will oblige me much Major if you will forward this Letter to the proper Department & I hope measures will be taken to put a stop to proceedings that must if they Continue longer eventuate in murder & the Butchery of our Traders.

I have the honor
to be. Your
Obt. &c
Alexis Bailly

St. Peters 10th February 1834 189

Major John Bliss
Comdg. Fort Snelling &
actg. Ind: Agt.

Sir

I have just witnessed the departure of a Canadian and Foreigner × on an hunting excursion in the Indian Country, I submit the information to your consideration & beg of you to let me know, if he has (with that avowed object) obtained the sanction of the Agency, or if any bonded Trader has been bonded for him and has his name included in any of thier descriptive Lists of Foreign Boatmen or Engagees The Law requires of us such to be done before we can send our Foreign Boatman to reside any length of time in the Indian Country, but how far he is permitted to go alone & for the avowed object of hunting seeks for your Consideration, It is a plain fact however, that if a Foreigner is allowed such prouleges, he has great advantages over the American Trader & Citizen

I have the Honor
to be Your Obt. &c
Alexis Bailly

× the man's name is
Joseph Monjeau

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Traverse des Sioux
9 April 1834

Maj John Bliss
Comdg Fort Snelling &c
Act Ind Agt Affs

Sir

It becomes a part of my duty towards my employers, to inform you that there is in this Location a Canadian by the name of Joseph Monjeau (and is for aught I know a British Subject) trading with the Indians of not only of this Location but with those of the above Locations. I will add that he does at this present juncture, materially injure my trade.

The Indians also complains that he is distroying their game by trapping. how far he has a right to do so. you must be the best Judge - but I mention this at the particular request of an Indian of some consequence here

I have the honor to be
Your Obt & Humble Servt
Louis Provencalle

Maj John Bliss

St. Peters 14th April 1834

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Major Bliss
Commdg. Fort Snelling
& Act. Agt. Ind affs

Sir

On my arrival here the day before yesterday I found a Letter addressed to me from Mr Farribault Trading at the Little Rapids, informing me that Peter Quin Interpretter for Mr Baker had passed his place with goods on a trading expedition on and beyond his Location, the pretext of Collecting the Furs due Mr. Baker for debts made here at this Location does not I think justify their infringing the Laws making Locations, nor does this kind of protection (which the Laws afford me if put in force) come up to that protection which every Citizen has a right to expect, I am sorry to find that my complaint so far is of no avail, but I should be wanting to myself and the Am. Fur. Co. with whom I am concerned if I allowed this Last act to passed unnoticed & without giving information to the only power that can put a stop to it, by doing so I feel I have done my duty to the Co. and myself, Quin has returned last evening and has been so succesfull that three or four hundred Dollars would not pay me for the Damages I have sustained by this last act & gross Violation of all Laws & Rule, may I be allowed Major to ask you if you do not feel yourself sufficiently empowered to prevent such practices?

Respectfully Yours &c
Alexis Bailly

Rec.d
Sept 184—

No truth in
this return.

Major John Bliss
Comdg. Fort Snelling &
Actg. Ind. agent
St. Peters

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Indian Agency Platte 30th day 1834

Face of Thunder, & party of 5 Lodge Band of Sioux
In council

Face of Thunder
Said

My Father—

I have inspected your Medal it is a mark of friendship— the hand of and Indian is in that of the white man— & the Pipe is on the other side.—

We have kept to your counsels, and as I was a friend of my Brother Cloud I gave him my Medal to be as good with all people— he calls as together often & gives us counsel

Since I have made my road to your House I have not been so foolish as formerly and I shall continue to keep the same road—

I have suffered much this first winter & so has my people— we look to you for assistance & hope as your hearts are not empty that you will assist us with some Powder Lead & Tobacco & something to cover our nakedness— we are tired of learning up the ground with our claws.— &c &c—

Reply of the Agent

My friends I am satisfied with your conduct— but some of your

[May 25, 1837] 193

Articles of convention made and entered into this twenty fifth day of May One thousand Eight hundred and Thirty four at Walashas prairie on the Mississippi river between the Chiefs and head men of the two lower bands of the Sioux nation of Indians, for themselves and their nations and Lawrence Taliaferro Agent of the United States for the Sioux nation of Indians on the Mississippi &c &c acting under authority of a letter from the ~~Secretary~~ Department of War, to John Biddle Esqr, under date of the fifth day of January One thousand Eight hundred and Thirty,—

Article first.— The said chief and principal men do by these presents give grant and sell full and free consent and permission to Joseph Rolette and James A. Lockwood also such persons as they may send, to continue the operations of two Mills now built on the Menomonie river a tributary of the Chippeway river, and to erect such other Mills or Mill on said Chippeway river or on any other tributary of said Chippeway river and to take get ride convey away such timber as they desire off the land of the Sioux nation of Indians in that neighbourhood for during the term of Ten years from this date, provided that the said Rolette and Lockwood and such men as they may send into the Indian country, shall at all times be subject to such rules and regulations as the President of the

United

United States shall by the Secretary of War, order and appoint through the Annual Indian Agents — Article Second, — The said Joseph Colette and James A Cockerwood for the permission aforesaid agree and pay Chief and principal Men at this time four hundred pounds of Tobacco five hundred pounds of Powder thirty Bags — ~~twenty~~ pounds Lead and four barrels Flour 500 flour and one Barrel Pork and in the month of May in each and every year hereafter the like quantity of Tobacco, Powder, Lead, and Flour, during the continuance of this permission and should the said Colette and Cockerwood Erect a saw Mill and Mills on other Streams in said County than those on which they have now erected Mills they shall pay to the said Chief and principal Men, for each Mill they shall have in operation more than the two Mills now stipulated, each year, Two hundred pounds of Tobacco, Three hundred pounds of powder, twelve hundred pounds of Lead and two barrels of Flour, and the said Indians further agree to permit no other person or persons to erect Mills in said river or to cut and convey away timber from said river, Signed Sealed and acknowledged this day and date aforesaid —

Wah Kooka +
Eoe tah Mah zah his + mark

Wabasha X
Lark +
fille de Barbrie +
fille de Gros Serpent X
Lac Bolaqueure
his X mark

To Miscellaneous
Bond between the Lieut
of Wabasha as Chief
& the Chiefs —
in favour of
Cockerwood & Colette
Mill privilege
on
Remarks Recent
Chippewa
Recovery —
Recd 1854
Authority given as
evidence and claim from
the Department of War

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To Maj John Bliss
U.S. Army
Comdg Fort Snelling

Indian Agency St Peters
June 1st 1834

Sir/

In ~~accordance~~ compliance with your note of this morning requesting information as to what has been the conduct of the Indians of this Agency within the last month, and their present feelings - so far as the U.S. Government is concerned - I beg leave to state that the various bands of Sioux have remained at peace with the neighboring tribes - and if the government will carry into effect at an early day the treaty of July 15th 1830 - in reference to the boundary line between the Sioux & Chippeways, and redress ~~the~~ the late wrong done the former by the Fox Indians - their feelings as to us ~~will~~ may be relied upon as the most pacific & friendly - there are some fifty or sixty Chippeways near this Agency from the various bands on the waters of the upper Mississippi, & are interchanging friendly courtesies with the several bands of Sioux of this vicinity & from a distance.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Mo Obt Svt
Lawr Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

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Hd Qrs Fort Snelling 1 June 1834.

Dr Sir,

I will thank you to inform me as soon as possible what has been the conduct of the Indians during the last month & what are their feelings so far as the U.S. government is concerned.

This information I wish to transmit tomorrow morning to Hd Qrs of Rt Wing West Despatch.

Respectfully Your Obt Sr

J Bliss Maj 1st Infy

To Maj L. Taliaferro
Ind Agent for the Sioux
St Peters

Note from
Maj Geo Bliss Comdg
June 1st 1834 –

Answered

For Maj. L. Taliaferro

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We are all called together here
but still you are not able to keep peace
It takes you a long time to put over
the fires of the nations that break the bow

My L
you children of the 7 fires have been
waiting patiently
you come in a hurry & post
you cannot speak to us —
but wished us to come —
Now we wish to know —

Whereby my Father was alive you took him
by the hand as an Ameneem
I have his place you have noticed
me — & I am an Ameneem

My Father:
you & are listening to you & are
waiting to hear what you have to
say — for if you let this occasion
slip they will be calling each other
up worse than ever —

you. Our hearts are kind
but the rules will not - nor will they
until they are punished. —

You. Our men fought & have met the
means of going to war as the whites
but at the attack made on us last
fall the few men showed what the
Cowlitz do & fought against battles —

We have long waited for
when we parted with our lands we told
you it was the only belief for you to safe
our lives & heart for our children & —

We suffered this winter in consequence
of the hunters lost fall - do something
for me if you cannot accept my pipe
with a good heart — my father was
man when in days to call on you &

Notes of Remarks
made in Council
June 4th 1834
by Lishrosa - an chief
Wakilloo -
& Tacufiecah Nahzah
"
Sac & Fox Nations
Copy sent

today - he cannot stand it much
longer
If we bring our people - you
can have it & we will be
your friends - for this we ask
that we may be friends & live
as one in peace.

The Iron Cloud

If the Sacs
thus taught as you
& yr people seem to befriend them more
than us - or any other nation -
look around you and you will see
that our nation is the only one that
has kept the Treaty & lis ened to your
Councils - We have lost a women &
children purposely & had had no
redress for it - yet happened a long time
ago -
as well as we could understand the
Treaty of Prairie - the war chief &
Saac his people have long arms and
strong arms that could reach to the
Mississippi, & the Mississ - & would punish
the first nation that could the war
again - now I wish to know what
is to be done in the case of the loss
of my woman -
we can never get the Black off
of our faces - every year our relations
are murdered & yet there is no

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Teton River June 5 1834

Dear Sir.

The bearer of this Louisson Shenier a Sioux Interpreter is going to your place for the purpose of living there a-outs. He is a good & faithful man as far as I know & I have known him for several years — indeed, I have had him in my employ. If you should have occasion for his services in any way, you may safely depend upon him.

I am thus far on my way to the Upper Missouri. I expect to return immediately. this is my last trip. I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you Mrs Taliaferro in St Louis this fall My Respects to her.

Respectfully your friend & Obt Serv

S. T. Sanford

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Sioux Sub Agency, Upper Missouri
June 9th 1834

Maj L Vallatffers
U S Ind Agt

Dr. Sir

Permit me to embrace the present opportunity by Mr Frenier of congratulating you on the recovery of your health and return to the Indian Country having been informed by an Indian of the Gros de fai Tribe of these facts

We are here far from the strong arm of the Government and enjoying all the prejudices and bad feeling which will always exist between the traders and officers of Govt: but with a singleness of heart and an eye always to my duty am able to battle the watch with all parties = the numerous Indians of this Sub Agency harmonize well, and indeed are fond of the white people who live with them but your Assagaiees occationally give us some trouble = a few days ago a band of five lodges of Ca ca tons of the Sioux Crows &c. in an attempt to Rob a white man within a few hundred yards of the houses was prevented by some of the Ogallallas Soldiers who were near at hand and it resulted in a fight in which probably fifty or sixty guns were fired many of the balls passing into the logs of the houses

one of the Arcatons was killed on the spot and one of the Missouri Sioux so badly wounded that he must die – some others received slight injury – I have however compromised the matter so far as to permit the five lodges to leave for their own country without further molestation having furnished them with Powder Lead and Tobacco for their journey – Some lodges of the band called "Those who shoot at the Raf" have now for some years past wintered on the Missouri and its waters and are anxious to become permanently located here, but dislike the idea of not receiving their share of the annuities due their band for Lands sold to the Government on the Ioway and Root Rivers. would you have the goodness to write me (addressed to St. Louis) giving me your ideas upon this subject, and advise me how to act in this matter – After presenting my most respectfull Considerations to Mrs. Talcaffero believe me to be as ever your warm & devoted

friend and Obt: Hble: Servt:

Jon. L. Bean

P.S. you will observe that I have neither time nor paper at hand for a lengthy communication and will therefore beg excuse of this scratch

If Maj Taliaferro is not at St Peters when this reaches there, I would be glad to have it forwarded to Genl Clark's office at St Louis —

Upper Missouri June 9th 34

I. L. Beaufort

From Maj J. L. Beaufort
U. S. Indian Agent
Upper Mississippi
Recd
July 9th 1834
Answered
June 9th 1834

Maj Lawrence Taliaffero
U S Indian Agent
Saint Peters
Upper Mississippi

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Prairie du Chien
14th June 1834

Dr Sir;

Yours of the 6th inst. by Tahmahak with inclosures, was received last night. I will avail myself of the first opportunity to forward your despatches, which I think will, probably, not be sooner than the 19th when the mail will leave this for Galena.

Col. Taylor has lately some instructions from the Comdg Genl. of the Army through Genl. Atkinson on the subject of the existing difficulties between the Sioux and the Foxes, a copy of which, I understand he send to Maj Bliss by the return of your express. From this you will see that no Military interference in this matter, is at present contemplated by the Department

The probable result will be a war. During the last fall, winter, and Spring until Major Grooms arrived, I kept the Dept. regularly advised of the state of affairs between those tribes, and urged, from time to time, the necessity of adopting early measures to adjust the difficulties between them. I should suppose, from present appearances, that it is intended to let the Indians fight, and when it may be convenient, settle the matter by treaty.

I shall at all times be glad to receive your communications on matters connected with our Indian relations, and to hear of your personal welfare and prosperity.

Please present my respects to Major Grooms & family & believe me to be

your friend & obt. Servt.

T. J. Bennett

Maj. Lawr. Taliaferro
U.S. Indian Agent
St. Peters

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Indian Agency St Peters
June 25th 1834

General,

It may be of importance for the Government to to be apprised of the fact of some four hundred Yanctons & Sussitons of Lac havered under Wahnatah having left some weeks since for the Hudsons Bay Settlements, and is said upon the special invitation of Gov Simpson, who had the Chief informed that if he would visit the Colony he should himself receive a present of 75 £ Sterling – That the minds of most of the tribes of late have been for a time more than usually excited from some cause not directly known remains not to be doubted – but how far true that the Governor of a Foreign Colony has been instrumental in endeavouring to entice our Indians from their allegiance to this Government – is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Dept.

I have the honor to be
Your mo obt Servt
Lawr Taliaferro
Indn Agent
St Peters

General William Clark
Supt of Indn Affairs
St Louis

June 25th 1834

Copy Letter
to
Genl W. Clark Supt
Indians invited to the
Hudsons Bay Settlement
&
Gov Simpson

Extract from the 10th Sec: of the act "To provide for the Organization of the Ind: Dept:" approved 30 June 1834.

"And provided that no person shall hold more than one office at the same time under this act, nor shall any agent, sub-agent, interpreter or person employed under this act, receive his salary while absent from his agency or employment without the permission of the Superintend^t. or Secretary of War, provided such absence shall at no one time exceed sixty days."

Agency House St Peters
June 30th 1834

Sir

To avoid any, and all future misunderstanding and from our conversation of this day in presence of Doctor Jarvis of the U.S. Army upon the Subject of the rights & privileges of the Sub-Agent for Indian Affairs at this Agency - it becomes my duty to declare explicitly the Views of public duty then expressed in a form not to be misconstrued. —

1st I stated that it was not necessary for you to be supplied with provision for issue to Indians during the presence of the Agent at his Post - as he alone was then held responsible. —

2d That you had no right to use the property of the Indians by applying the Same to your own benefit - or of using Goods as presents for Indians - either in the presence or Absence of the Agent - as he (the Agent) alone was, and is held directly responsible upon his Bonds for their faithful application - and I cited a case in point of the Suspension of $400 - in my Accounts of June 30th 1828 being the amount of Presents turned over to E T Langham Esq. your predecessor in office - and this being the first time that the foregoing Subjects have ever been supposed to admit of discussion you are at liberty to use this communication for any official purpose - by way of appeal from my decision

if thought advisable to a higher authority—

Again I wish for the sake of further information to state that the hired men of this Agency are public & not private Servants they cannot with propriety be taken out of the line of their duty—except when not on duty, & then only can you have by voluntary consent their services.—

You stated that you had been informed that the former Sub Agts have been in the habit of using the property of the Department when he thought proper even when the Agent was present—this I deemed, and an appeal to Mr. Langham will convince you that your information is decidedly incorrect, and has led you into error.—

Whenever he entered upon the duties of Agent in fact, then he had all the responsibilities of the Station & acted accordingly with great ability, prudence and discretion—which will unquestionably bear to be your case whenever the the principal at this Post may be absent on duty or upon leave of absence.— It will be my duty in future to act up to the full spirit & meaning of the foregoing Communication &c—

Very respectfully
Yr. Mo Obt Servt
Lam Sabrofano
Sub Agt Ar Tribes

Horatio Greenwood Esq
Sub Agt Ar Tribes

1. J. Gates B
2. J. Scub
3. J. Wins
4. 3 pcs

Letter to
Hon Jno Evans
Jan 20. 1834

Indian Agency
Prairie du Chien
July 11th 1834

Sir;

Your letter of the 2d inst. directed to Genl Street Ind. Agt. inclosing a copy of the articles of Convention entered into with the lower Band of Sioux in favor of Messrs. Rolette & Lockwood, has been received.

You will probably receive by this Mail, an Order from the Commr. of Ind. Affs. to have what he terms the Sioux aggressors in the late hostilities between the Sioux and the Sacs & Foxes, delivered up and put in Confinement in Fort Snelling. A copy of that order was forwarded to this office several weeks since. I think it is to be regretted, that the Depart. has been, as I conceive, misinformed upon the subject. The Commissioner seems to consider the Sioux and the Sacs & Foxes, as equally the aggressors, and accordingly has ordered that the offenders of both tribes be taken and put in Confinement.

It seems to me to be strange, that any person acquainted with the facts, could have ~~given~~ made such representations to the Department as to induce the Commissioner to entertain the opinion that he does upon the subject. I reported the facts to the Dept. immediately after they transpired, and from time to time through the winter, gave my views and opinions upon the subject. The information first given me of the transaction, and all that I have since received upon the subject, confirm my belief, that in all my communications to the Department I was correct in every material point, both of fact and opinion.

It is difficult to foresee the effect which the immediate execution of the order will have upon the Sioux, as respects as well our relations with the Tribe generally, as your connexion with them as their Agent. I should expect it to be any thing but favorable. Had the order been sent to me to execute before you or Maj. Grooms returned to St. Peters, I should have felt myself bound by my duty to the Government and to the Indians, to remonstrate against.

I have thus briefly given you my views of the subject, (although not properly connected with it, which I have long since reported,) because from my knowledge of the facts, I fear that injustice is likely to be done to the Sioux and a consequent injury to the Country. I hope that you will receive them in the same spirit in which they are communicated.

Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Maj. L. Taliaferro
Ind. Agt. at
St. Peters

S. P. Lorrett, Sub Agt
" " Acting Ind. Agt.

P.S.

Genl. Street has not yet returned. The last intelligence from him was favorable, and I have no doubt that he has triumphed over the opposition against him. His family are all well.

Please give my compliments to Maj. Grooms & family.

Yours truly
S. P. Lorrett
" "

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Agency Sioux Falls
July 14th 1834

Mr. Campbell

I have just received your Note and thank you for the information. I am sorry if Godfroy met Mr. Grooms & did not inform him of the Whiskey, and when it was for perhaps before we can send down some one may take it — But if you or any one will go down or Godfroy himself & bring up the two Barrels to me or turn it over to Mr Grooms who is at Lake Pepin. I will pay him or yourself the sum of twelve dollars — that is, if the Whiskey is thrown to him or delivered to me — I will pay the above sum — This can be done in 3 days at $4 per day for the horses —

Yr Ob Svt
Lawson Palmer

Mr D Campbell
Pelan

Mr. Duncan Campbell

J Peters

Hah ku o was hlaa

Sir/

Agency House St Peters
July 19th 1834

On the night before the last three soldiers passed my house and from their conversation, & direction proceeded to Lands End where there is an encampment of Sioux, and there maltreated two women - by beating one with a paddle & the other with a fire brand - these women state that they received the abuse of these men because they would not submit to be slept with - One of the individuals is young & a daughter of a respectable Indian called Toh ton, wah ken dah pee. Taylor of, I, C/Dy was one of the party - and are all of them on Extra duty.

Very respectfully
Your Mo Ob Sty
Lawr Taliaferro
Indian Agent
St Peters

Maj Gen Atkinson
Ft Snelling
Comdg
Ft Snelling

copy of a Note
to Major Bliss –
July 19th 1834

Indian woman abused by
the Soldiers at their
encampment at Lands End

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Indian Agency St Peters
July 20th 1834

General

A letter from your office of date the 11th of June enclosing the instructions of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the 27th of May last past have been received.

I have the pleasure of stating now as on a former occasion that there has not been the slightest aggression on the part of the Indians of this Agency against the Sac or Fox tribes since the Black Hawk war, if indeed their conduct on that occasion might have been viewed in such a light after the invitation given by the Authorities of the United States to join in the Campaign.

Eighteen Fox Indians on the 27th of November 1833. attacked three lodges of Sioux on Root River and within their own ~~[illegible]~~ Country in which several men women & children were ~~killed~~ of the latter tribe ~~killed~~ murdered - in this conflict two Fox Indians were killed before the remaining Sioux (some three or four) could effect their escape - hence it is that I am enabled to say for the information of the Government that there are no Indians within this Agency who are guilty of murdering the Fox Indians - unless indeed it may be those who were so fortunate as to make their escape from the tomahawks of said war party of Foxes.

Thomas the bearer to be
Pr. Mo Off Dep
Lawe Pelletier
Mdse Agent &c

Genl William Clark
Supt In Affairs
At St Louis

Copy

Reply to instructions of the Comm.r of Indian Affairs - to take Sioux prisoners or hostages on acc.t of the affair of Nov 27. 1833 - on Root River between Foxes & Sioux

Date
Paby 20th 1834

Menominie Mill July 22nd 1834

Dear Sir I would be very much obliged to you to release me my property or the necessarys of life in this foreign land as I did not suppose that government officers would interfear with domestic consuption or say the necessarys of life without holding themselves bound for damages by a civil process yours with respects &c

Nicholas Perrin

Poor Perrin here claims either his stuff or life

July 31. 1834

To the Indian Agent
or Subagent
Rocky Landing
Mississippi

Rec.d Sept 183-

Copy

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Indian Agency St Peters
August 12th 1834

General

I have to report the Seizure of Six Barrels of Whiskey, on or about the 22d day of July past a few miles below Fort Snelling on the Mississippi River, claimed and owned by Alexis Bailly an Indian Trader at the Entry of the River St Peters - Said Whiskey as Seized on board of his Boat has been stored in the public store house at Fort Snelling, and is subject to the further action of the Sec in the case. —

I have the honor
Your mo ob Serv
Lawson Palmer
Indn Agt
At St Peters

Genl. William Clark
Supt of Indn Affairs
At St Louis

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It is affirmed by Mr Alexis Bailly a trader at the Entry of the River St Peters, near Fort Snelling - that the Ardent Spirits - Seized in his Boat on or about the 22d day of July 1834 - a few miles below Fort Snelling under the Orders of the Indian Agent at St Peters was brought up openly in his Boat from Prairie du Chiens - without any intention whatever of violating the laws, and under a determination on his arrival at this Post - to report forthwith the fact and the quantity brought for the use alone of his hired men - and if found to be inadmissible - then to request the Same to be placed in the public Store, and reshipped to Prairie du Chiens -

In consideration of the foregoing plea - and a perfect understanding of the parties also that no process, or action at law is to have, or commenced, or caused to be instituted against any Officer of the Army, or Agent, or Agents of the United States at this Post for or on account of Said Seizure on the date aforesaid, of Six Barrels of Whiskey - and that the Bond to the United States of Said Bailly will not be put in Suit on account of the introduction of Said Whiskey into the Indian Country - under the plea aforesaid - but the Same shall be returned to Prairie du Chiens as speedily as may be practicable, and delivered to the Agent of Mr Bailly at that place -

Given at the Agency at St Peters this 9th day of August 1834

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of

LS

LS

I do hereby certify this 12th day of August 1834 - at the Agency at St Peters - that the affirmation, and plea as stated in in the first paragraph of this instrument was stated and formally agreed to & confirmed by Alexis Bailly in my presence on the date herein specified as having been made to the Agent - and that the Said Bailly without notice or just cause - did forfeit his word after the Agent had extended his Secured - and declined signing the instrument of his own seeking -

Horatio Gooms

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Superintendency of Ind: Affs
St Louis August 5th 1834

Sir

You are it is to be presumed, furnished with the acts of Congress of 30th June 1834, to "provide for the organization of the Indian Department; and to "Regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes" &c. and of the "Regulations adopted to carry them into effect".

You shall hereafter be furnished, with further instructions under these acts should it be considered necessary. For the present, however, your immediate attention is required to the following points:

You will take the preparatory measures for the payment of Annuities to the tribes of your Agency, for which purpose, you will fix upon the time and place of payment and advise the Quarter Master at St. Peters —, who is the officer designated to make the payment, of the same, in order that he may make his arrangements to have the funds ready at the time and place fixed upon.

You will announce distinctly to the tribes of your Agency at the approaching payment of Annuities, that the visits of individuals or of delegations to the Seat of Government will not be permitted — Let them distinctly understand

that this prohibition is positive, and must not be violated. Inform them that the Government will not only not pay a dollar towards their expenses, but will refuse to transact any business with them.

You will without delay, report to this office for the confirmation of the Department, a proper Site for your Agency. You will also designate, for like confirmation, a proper person as interpreter - he will be allowed a Salary of $300.

The accounts of all persons employed within your Agency up to the 30th June, will be prepared and transmitted as early as practicable. When they are Settled, whatever balances may be due to any of them, will, I am informed, be remitted. The pay of all, whose terms expire on the 30th June, under the new regulations, will be computed to the 31st ult.

Under the Authority given in the 4th & 13th Sections of the act for the Organisation of the Indian Department, the Quarter Masters at Military posts will be directed to make the payments to the Indians for 1834.

The funds, appropriated for the Payment of Annuities, the fulfilment of treaty stipulations, and for current expenses of the last half of this year, will be remitted to Major Brant, who is instructed to forward them to the

proper disbursing officers for distribution.

When payments are to be made in execution of treaty Stipulations, or for current expenses, the account is to be presented by the Agent, or Sub Agent, to the proper Quarter Master, drawn in the usual form, receipted by the party, and certified by himself, with his requisition for the payment, in the form prescribed attached to it. The Quarter Master will in all cases make the payments, so far as the funds in his hands, applicable to the object of the expenditure will permit. If improper or erroneous payments are made, the amount will be credited to the Quarter Master, and charged to the person issuing the Requisition. Quarterly returns of the requisitions will be made to the commissioner of Indian Affairs by the person making them, which will exhibit dates and amounts, the character of the expenditures, & the names of the payees. These returns will be transmitted to the Commissioner, through this office to enable me to Know the operations and condition of the fiscal Department. As you will be charged with any amount erroneously drawn by you, you will be Careful to Keep a fair Record, explanatory of every requisition, not for ordinary expenditures.

The allowances for the first half of this

year will not be affected by the new laws & Regu-
-lations; those for the last half will be brought
strictly within them; and in no event will the
Sums allotted under the Several heads in the
annexed table, for that period, be exceeded.
No expenditure for repairs will be made with-
-out previous permission; and all applications
for Such permission must be accompanied
by a Statement of the circumstances which
render them necessary, and an estimate of
the amount required.

Persons holding claims against the
Department, must be informed that, their
claims will hereafter be received and paid only
through the proper Agent; and you will bear
in mind that the enactments of the 10th Section
of the organisation law, relative to compensation,
allowances and absences, and those of the 14th,
relative to trading with the Indians, will be
strictly adhered to. And you will forward no
claims for Services, not clearly within the former
and will report without delay, all persons of-
-fending against the latter. The Services and
compensation of persons not employed by virtue
of treaty Stipulations, or authorized under the
"acts" and "Regulations" Specified, will be dis-
continued, if there be any Such in within your
Agency.

[See No. 215. for balance of letter]

You will report to this office, for the approval of the Department, the names of suitable persons for the appointment of teachers, Mechanics, farmers &c. if such persons are authorised to be employed at your Agency. The new laws prescribe, that a preference shall be given to natives, when those competent to those duties and employments can be found. They also direct, that the direction of these persons shall be given up to the proper authorities of a tribe, whenever in the Judgment of the President, they are qualified for the trust. You are requested to furnish such information from time to time; as will enable the executive to form an opinion upon this point.

The Intercourse act of 30th June repeals all acts relating to the same subject, so far as this Superintendency is concerned. The provisions which regulate the granting and revoking of licenses, prohibit the introduction of Spirituous liquors and Wine to the Indian Country, and bar all claims not presented within two years, will require your attentive consideration. A System for enforcing the exclusion of Spirits and Wine will I am informed be prepared and shall be forwarded to you when received.

Issues of provisions will hereafter be made to those Indians only who come to the

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Agencies on business. The provisions will be obtained from the Commissary's Stores, at the Military Stations, and at other points, by purchase upon contracts; or in open market, if the contracts cannot be made without great inconvenience. The rations in these cases, will be the same, as are allowed at the distribution of Annuities and you will be careful to conform strictly to the instructions on this subject, laid down in the "Regulations."

In addition to the allotment for your Agency for the 3d & 4th quarters of the year 1834, as stated to this office, I also annex extract from a Statement of funds transmitted to Major Brant for the payment of Annuities, provisions, transportation, and incidental expenses, and for other purposes for your Agency viz:

Sioux of Mississippi . . . . . $2000.
3000 rations allowed for provisions

Allotment for your Agency for the 3d & 4th quarters of the year 1834, as stated to this office.
Viz:

Agent	$750
Interpreter	150
Presents	200
Contingencies	50.

With high respect
Your ob. Serv.
Wm Clark

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Maj. Lan: Taliaferro
Ind. Agent

Partial Instructions
from the Supt. In Affairs
under the act of June 30th 1834
Recd. Sept: 7th 1834 -

Pufana August 5th 1834
at St. Louis

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Scott Campbell thinks he can catch the deserter if he would with 2 Indians I have employed, — Can you spare him

28 Aug 1837

J. H. Eaton
Sec. of War
Pro

To My Valentine

Presents

[Aug 28, 1834] 211

To all whom it may Concern

I Joseph Mosure having applied for permission to accompany his family in Lance within the Sioux territory for the purpose of aiding in the support of a respectable Sioux family to which he is connected by marriage, & has children - and having the full consent of the Sioux, and even their application for the object above specified - Permission is hereby granted the said Mozure on the grounds of his being a man of good character, and upon the application of the Indians aforesaid to grant said Indians for and during the present fall, & winter and no longer. Given at the Office of U S Ind Agent - St Peters - this 28th day of August 1834

Lawr Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

Pass Port
Jos Monzuno

Recalled &
Cancelled
Sept 7th 1834
Act 30 June
1834

Form of the provision returns

Provision return for one man Interpreter for the Agency at Prairie for thirty days commencing on the 1st & ending on the 30th day of September 1834 inclusive.

	No of men	No of days	Rations per day	Total	Rations of Pork	Rations of flour	Rations of Beans	Rations of Sugar	Rations of Coffee	Rations of Soap	Rations of Candles	Rations of Vinegar	Rations of Salt
Fort Snelling Sept 1st 1834	1	30	1	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

D. T. Lane Agent

The Same form answers for Black Smith and Striker — Except you must double every figure to include Both. — Say 60 Rations —

Form of Return

Return for Provisions for Indians of the Sioux Tribes visiting this Post on business with the Agent during the month of September 1834

	Barrels of Pork	Barrels of Flour		
Fort Snelling Sept 1st 1834				One Barrel of Pork Two Barrels of Flour

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At Prairie

[The original document of which this is a photocopy of one side, is filed under date of July 28, 1835].

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Indian Agency St Peters
September 1st 1834

General

In this monthly report it affords me great pleasure to be enabled to continue a favorable report of the conduct of the Sioux tribes of Sioux within this Agency— I have concluded another treaty between the Sioux & Chippeways for another Season— All that can be asked now is, that the boundary lines between these tribes be speedily defined by a Survey, and my exertions hitherto will be crowned with success by a permanent peace— adding to this a Special Sub Agent for the Chippeways of the upper Mississippi and its tributary waters above Lake Pepin— So as to prevent these people from being brought here either in reference to their affairs with the Sioux or at the instance of the Superiority of the fur traders.—

I have the honor to be
Your Mo Obt Serv
Lawr Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

General William Clark
Supt of Indn Affairs
At St Louis

P.S. Please submit the foregoing suggestions to the Comr. of Indian Affairs— as I feel confident of the necessity of bringing the foregoing objects accomplished

Leg[illegible] Report

1. Sept 1834

To

Supt Ind affairs

Sub Agt for Chippeways

Peace - &c &c

To Arthur L. Magennis Esq
Distrct Attorney of the U States

Indian Agency St Peters
September 6th 1834

Sir

I have to report the Seizure of Six Barrels of Whiskey on or about the 22d of July on board the trading Boat of Alexis Bailly a few miles below Fort Snelling on the River Mississippi - and a Second Seizure of two Barrels on or about the 7 the Same month - the latter containing by Mark - 34 3/4 & 34 Gallons - but by measurement 54 gales Nete. — claimed by Nicholas Perrion, & taken at the Foot of Lake Pepin -

Marks	Alexis Bailly packages as marked	Contents
1. 40 gales		40
2. 32 do		30
3d. 34 1/2 do		31
4. —		30
5. 35 do		30
6. 36 do		35
207 1/2 Galls as Marked as Seized		196 Gauged

As May Blis & Mayor may be Sued in the Territory of Michigan. I desire that you will be pleased to have the above Contraband articles libelled as soon as possible in the usual manner - and notify May Blis of your decision - The Bond of Alexis Bailly will be placed in your hands in

October early — I expect a writ to be served upon me as soon as I reach Prairie du Chien — in fact there is no doubt of it — and there will be one ready perhaps may Bliss now in command of this Post, and will doubtless be served when an opportunity may present —

We are mutually interested in the matter and care for our Safety that all legal and proper steps be taken as speedily as the law may require in such cases

The late Sub Agent Horatio Georges acted under my orders in both cases — and as he is known to all the facts — and will be in St Louis as soon as this letter — I have written to Genl Clark to request that you will be pleased to have his deposition taken as the most material witness — I trouble you in this matter as I do not know where to direct a letter to the Marshalls for the District of Missouri

I have the honor to be
Your Mos Obt Servt
Lau Talliaferro
Indn Agent
A V S Pilcher

Ar L Magruder
District Attorney
Sept 6th 1834

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Prairie des Chien Sept 11 1834

Sir

Your decision in the Case of Mr Bailly having been Communicated, I can assure you it meets the approbation of the Compt — We disclaim any intention whatever of permitting the laws to be violated by any one in our employ, and beg that you may be assured of the disposition of the Compt to have the trade conducted, upon every principle of equity and Justice, A Successor to Mr Bailly will be speedily appointed and ordered to St Peters, and take Charge of his Post —

Very Respectfully
your Obt Svt
Jos Rolette
acting for A M F. Co

Maj. L. Talliaferro
Ind Agent
St Peters
Upper Mississippi.

Indian Agency St Louis
September 18th 1834

To Elbert Herring Esq
Commr of Ind Affairs

Sir

I have declined to permit Harris Bailly late an Indian Trader within my Agency to hold further intercourse with the tribes of Sioux - not only in consequence of his bad temper - but on account of his frequent violations of the intercourse laws, and particularly as developed on the 22d of July last past -

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you a copy of a letter received by direction of the Agents of the Am Fur Company - acting as its Chief - and by the bearer of Joseph Rolette Esq - which seems conclusive on these points -

I have the honor to be
Your mos Obt Serv
Lau Palliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Louis

Copy of a letter to the
Commr Indn Affairs
September 15th 1835
Declining to renew license
Alexis Bailly
and my reasons therefor —

"

I Rolette letter written
approval of Baillys removal
by the Company —
Prairie du chien Sept 11th 1834 —
a copy furnished the
Office of Indian Affairs

Henry H. Sibley Esqr
succeed A Bailly
and proved to be
an excellent exchange for the Company

Therefore shew
my course of action
and authority for
the same —

Department of War
Office Indian Affairs
October 2d 1834.

Sir.

I have received from Gen Clark several communications from you respecting the difficulties between the Sioux & Sacs & Foxes; between the Sioux and Chippewas arising probably from the delay in establishing their boundaries, and also respecting the seizure of whiskey in the Indian country.

With respect to the order of the Department of the 29th of May last, it was of course inoperative and void as respects the Indians of your agency, if they had not committed the murders charged against them. A mere denial on their part, unless they are guiltless, must not avail them.

An appropriation having been made by Congress for running the boundary lines between the Chippewas and Sioux, measures will be taken early in the ensuing season for the accomplishment of that work; and there is reason to believe that the removal of the principal cause of their difficulties will bring about friendly relations between them.

Copies of the late acts touching the Indian Department, and of the regulations established to carry them into effect have been transmitted to Gen Clark for the

purpose of supplying the agents & sub-agents of his super-intendency, and after he shall have furnished you with a copy, you will be at no loss in discovering the proper course to be pursued respecting the whiskey you caused to be seized in the Indian Country.

Very respectfully
Your Ob. Sr.
Elbert Herring

Maj L. Taliaferro
St Peters.

Cons.r Nelson Affairs

Relation to difficulty with the Sac Foxes & Sioux and the Chippeways & Sioux ——

Relation to Luzerne of Alien Key & course of procedure under the act of June 30th. 1834 ——

Recd Sept Sowell 21 Nov 1834
from W. Miner.

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Superintendt of Ind. Affairs,
St. Louis, Nov. 7, 1834.

Sir,

I enclose, herewith, for your information, extracts of a letter of the 2d ult. from the Comm. Ind. Affairs, in reply to a communication from Maj. Taliaferro of the 12th August last, stating the seizure, and storing in the Public warehouse at Fort Snelling, of six barrels of whiskey, the property of Alexis Bailly, an Indian trader.

A copy of the act & regulations mentioned by the Comm., was forwarded to Fort Snelling, on the 25th September.

I am, Sir,
With high respect
Your ob. Svt

Wm Clark

Major D. Bliss, U.S.A
Comm.g
Fort Snelling

Supt Ind Affs. 7 Nov. 1834.
with Comm. letter 2 Oct. 1834.

Rec. Ft Snelling 25 Dec 1834.

(Extracts.)

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Department of War,
Office Indian affairs,
October 2d 1834.

Sir, "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 15th ult. enclosing two letters from Major Taliaferro, one of them reporting the seizure of six barrels of whiskey in the Indian country.

"Copies of the late act of Congress organising the Indian Department, and of the regulations for carrying them into effect have been transmitted to you for the purpose of supplying the Agents & Sub agents of your superintendency, and after having supplied Major Taliaferro he will see from them what course to adopt respecting the whiskey."

(Signed)
Elbert Herring

Genl. W. Clark,
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Office of Supt: Ind: Affairs
St. Louis Nov. 25th 1834.

Sir,

By direction of Gen. Clark, who will be absent from this office for a few days, I furnish you below with extracts of a letter rec.d from the Acting Commissioner of Ind: Affs. - intended for the information & government of the Indian Agent at St. Peters.

"The Site selected by Major Taliaferro for his Agency is approved. I have also
" to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
" the 25th ult: with the papers forwarded to
" you by Major Taliaferro."

"His nomination of Mr.
" Scott Campbell as Interpreter for Sioux of
" his Agency is approved. His salary, as

such

"such, cannot exceed Three hundred dollars.
"The sum of One hundred & twenty Dollars
"will be allowed for the occasional employ=
"ment of an Interpreter for the Chippewas,
"should it be necessary. A greater amount
"cannot be allowed. The other papers are
"reserved until Major Taliaferro's arrival."

"Major Taliaferro's proceedings
"in revoking the license of A. Bailly, are
"approved."

"The Agents have omitted to
"state the Compensation at which the per=
"sons employed by them have been engaged.
"This omission should be supplied."

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully Sir,
Your ob.t Serv.t

Jno. Ruland
S. Agt. Ind: Affs.

Major J. Bliss, U.S. Army -
Cond.g Fort Snelling
& Actg Agt. Ind: affs.

Dept. Ind. Affairs Received,

Extract from Comr. Letter.
Site of Agency. Rest of Agents letter.
Scott Campbell Interpreter.
Allowance of Chippewa Interpreter.
A. Bailly licence revoked. —
Rates of compensation. —

Recd. J. Snell 25 Dec. 1834.

Superintendy of Ind: affairs,
St. Louis, Decr. 12, 1834.

Sir,

I have recd. a letter from the Commr. of Indian Affairs, under date of 24th ult. on subjects connected with the operations of this Department in the ensuing year, and at his request proceed to lay before you such parts of it as relate to your duties and concerns.

The allotment of Presents to your agency, will be $600. The allowance for Provisions is not stated. Adverting to the allowances for these objects, the Commissioner observes—

"These sums [for Provisions] and those "allowed for Presents are intended to cover the "expense of transportation, as well as the first cost "of the articles purchased. These provisions are "intended for the Indians visiting the Agencies "on public business; and for these and for those "that may be required at the payment of An-"nuities, for which a separate remittance "will be made, the Agents will make requisition "upon the Commissaries at the military Posts, "where this course can be pursued conveniently; "as at St. Peters, Rock Isl and Prairie du Chien; "and I presume, at the Upper Missouri agency. "As the duty of paying the Annuities is confided

"to the Quarter Masters, the allowances for trans-
"porting and distributing them will be made to
"these officers."

The sum of $50. will be allowed you for stationery and postage, and $150. for Contingencies - such as occasional labor, Indian funerals, the recovery of Indian horses, and such other indispensable objects in the intercourse with the Indians, as are not otherwise provided for.

The act of 30th June for the organisation of the Indian Department, authorises the employment of but one Interpreter for each agency unless the tribes within its limits speak different languages, and fixes his pay at $300. You will be allowed $150. additional for the occasional services of an Interpreter for the Chippewas.

The Commissioner observes - "No repairs are considered to be necessary at St. Peters, upon the information possessed by the Department. Nor is it thought proper to erect new buildings at Rock Island, as it is probable the Indians of that agency will recede from the Mississippi, when the station of the agent will of course be changed."

It should be constantly kept in recollection, that none of the allowances must be exceeded, without the previous sanction of the Department. I am informed that the representations of the Agents upon the subject, transmitted through, and approved by the Superintendent, will be carefully considered, & receive as favorable an action as circumstances shall warrant. And it is confidently expected, that the Agents of this Superintendency will cheerfully aid the Department to conduct the Ind. Service successfully, with the limited means placed at its disposal by Congress, by the exercise of strict vigilance & economy.

I have the honor to be,
Yr. Ob: Svts.

Wm Clark

Major D. Bliss,
Comdg. Fort Snelling
& Actg Supt. Agt. St. Peters

Maj. D. Talliaferro
Supt. Agent

Insp. St Louis 12 Dec 1834.

Allowances — $1250 00

Instructions —

600 Pursers

50. Stationary Posts

150. Contingencies

300. Sick Rat

150. Chaplains do

$1250 —

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