
# Lawrence Taliaferro papers.



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August 20, 2018

Registers Book

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Postage A S Munn
Letters Sent, Incl Cents Oct 3d $13.50
5.50
8.00
22.50
875.00
60.00
105.00
1835 375.00
Amt. A/c Decr 31 664.50
30.00 Suspd
Amt Expended by Agent $694.50

Chg. B. retained for Blanks
Amt Contingency

Denton

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bacon | 67 | 14 | 9.38 | 67 |
| Lager | 60 | 12½ | 7.50 | 14 |
| Rice | 24 | 9 | 2.16 | 268 |
| Coffee | 22 | 20 | 4.46 | 67 |
| | | | $ 23.44 | 9.38 |
| | | | 50 | 3 |

Paid $ 23.94 Aug 15 1839

Estimate for year 1837-8.

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| Pay of Agent for the whole year | $1500 | |
| do. of Sioux Interpreter do | 300 | |
| do of occasional for Chippeways | 180 | |
| Support of Smiths | 840 | 1000 |
| purchase Iron Steel &c | 160 | |
| Fuel and Stationery | 50 | |
| Contingent expenses | 75 | |
| Annuity for Mac & Lapeche bands | 900 | |
| do for Wahpaakoota do | 500 | |
| Agricultural Implements | 490 | |
| | $4895 | |
| Presents | 600 | |
| $5595 | $5595 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1.50 | | |
| 10 | pr. 3 pt Heavy Mac Blankets | 6.90 | 69 | .. |
| 10 | pr 2½ pt do. do. do. | 5.50 | 55 | .. |
| 5 | pr 1½ pt do do. do. | 3.75 | 18 | 75 |
| 15 | pr. 1 pt do do do. | 2.95 | 44 | 25 |
| | Amt. Dollars | $ | 1400 | 00 |

Received St Louis May 17th 1831. of Maj L Talliaferro Indian Agent for the Sioux. Fourteen hundred dollars in full of the above account.

Duplicate
Signed G H Kennedy

The United States Indian Department

To George H Kennerley Dr

For the following articles of Merchandize purchased by Major L Taliaferro US Indian Agent for Sioux of St Peters (Annuities)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | pieces of Calico . . . . . 469½ yds . . . . | 20 | 93 | 90 |
| 6 | pcs of Indian Glasses large . . . . . | 720 | 43 | 20 |
| 8 | pieces of Strouding . . . 156¼ yds . . . . | 180 | 281 | 25 |
| 5000 | Gun flints . . pr M . . . . . | 2.75 | 13 | 75 |
| 13 | Kegs of Tobacco . . . 2565 lbs . . . . . | 7 | 179 | 55 |
| 49 | Kegs of Powder . . . . . | 6 | 294 | .. |
| 2000 | pounds small bar lead . . . . . | 3¼ | 65 | .. |
| 6 | doz tin cups . . 50 cs . . . . . | 50 | 3 | .. |
| 2 | doz tin pans . . . . . | 325 | 6 | 50 |
| 2 | do do . . . . . | 3 | 6 | .. |
| 6 | nests Kettles . . . 10 each . . . . . | 7 | 42 | .. |
| 6 | do do 8 each . . . . . | 5.50 | 33 | .. |
| 6 | do do 6 each . . . . . | 3.75 | 22 | 50 |
| 6 | do Iron do . . 135 lbs . . . . . | 25 | 33 | 25 |
| 30 | doz Williams C.S. Knives . . . . . | 2.75 | 82 | 50 |
| 10 | lbs of Thread . . . . . | 1.36 | 13 | 60 |
| 10 | pr. 3/pt Heavy Mad Blankets . . . | 6.90 | 69 | .. |
| 10 | pr 2½ pt do . do . do . . . . | 5.50 | 55 | .. |
| 5 | pr 1½ pt do do . do . . . . | 3.75 | 18 | 75 |
| 15 | pr. 1. pt do do do . . . . | 2.95 | 44 | 25 |
| | Amt. Dollars | $ | 1400 | 00 |

Recd St Louis May 17th 1831. of Maj L Taliaferro Indian Agent for the Sioux. Fourteen hundred dollars in full of the above account

Triplicate
Signed G H Kennerley

The United States Indian Department
To George H Kennedy - Dr

For the following agricultural implements purchased by Maj Lawrence Taliaferro - US In Agent for Sioux of Sioux Upper Mississippi - under appropriation to carry into effect the Treaty of Prairie du Chien.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Bars of flat Iron 242 lb | 6¼ | 15 | 12 |
| 4 | Pcs Band Iron 115 | 8½ | 9 | 78 |
| 1 | Bundle 3/8 round Iron 50 - 11½ $5.75 - 1 do 1/4 in 78 lb 9.75 | | 15 | 50 |
| 2 | Bundles nail rods - 104 lb at 10 cts | | 10 | 40 |
| 1 | Stove and Pipe | | 35 | " |
| 12 | Bars of steel 134 lb | 28 cts | 37 | 82 |
| 11 | doz files assorted | | 46 | 59 |
| 1 | Bundle of sheet Iron 130 lb | 14 cts | 18 | 20 |
| 1 | Screw plate - 2.50 - 1 H Saw - 1.50 - 2 Shovels - $1.82 | | 6 | " |
| 2 | Horse Collars | 75 cts | 1 | 50 |
| 2 | pair of Hames - $1.50 - 3.00 - 2 Frows $1.50 - $3 | | 6 | " |
| 6 | augers assorted | | 3 | " |
| 1 | Hammer handled | | " | 83 |
| 4 | 3 Gall pots - 1.50 - 2 @ 6 - 4 ovens & lids $11 | | 17 | 00 |
| 2 | plough plates | 97 cts | 1 | 94 |
| 1 | Keg of Nails 139 lb | $10 | 10 | 00 |
| 2 | Foot adzes | 1.75 | 3 | 50 |
| 1 | Log Chain | | 6 | 88 |
| 5 | axes handled | $2.12 | 10 | 62 |
| 199 | Hoes assorted | | 114 | 25 |
| 2 | ploughs | $9 | 18 | 00 |
| 1 | grind stone | | 3 | 88 |
| 1 | cross cut saw | | 10 | 75 |
| 1 | Mattock | | 2 | 25 |
| 2 | grubbing Hoes | $1.50 | 3 | 00 |
| 30 | Square axes at | 75 cts | 22 | 50 |
| 6 | Scythes | at $1.25 | 7 | 50 |
| 6 | Iron wedges at $1.20 | | 7 | 20 |
| 2 | Rakes at 25 cts | | " | 50 |



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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Drawing Knife | | " | 75 |
| 4 | " 2 gallon pots | 120 | 4 | 80 |
| 6 | Skillets | 1.40 | 8 | 40 |
| | | Dollars | 459 | 46 |

Received St Louis May 17th 1831 of Major L Taliaferro U S Indian Agent for Sioux - Four hundred and fifty nine dollars & forty six cents - in full of the above account

(Duplicate)

Signed - G H Kennedy

a true copy -

The United States Indian Department
To Louis Vasper Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1831 June 5 | Repairs of Ploughs for Indians | 6 | 00 |
| | 10 axes at 50 cts | 5 | 00 |
| | 1 Grind Stone | 3 | 50 |
| | | 14 | 50 |

Received Sioux Agency this 5th day of June 1831 of Lawrence Taliaferro Indian Agent the sum of Fourteen dollars and fifty cents in full of the above account.

Signed Louis his + mark Vasper

(Duplicate)

Witness.
S Campbell

The United States Indian Department
To George H Kennerley Dr.

For the following Black and Gun Smiths Tools — purchased by Major L Talliaferro US Indian Agent for Sioux of St Peters upper Mississippi — to carry into effect the Treaty of Prairie du Chien.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Pair of Bellows | | 22 | " |
| 1 | Sledge Hammer (Cast Steel face) | | 4 | 25 |
| 1 | Vice large | | 5 | 75 |
| 1 | Screw plate | | 5 | " |
| 1 | Small do | | 4 | 25 |
| 2 | pair of Tongs | $1 — | 2 | " |
| 1 | Smiths Hammer | | 1 | " |
| 2 | do do | 87½ | 1 | 75 |
| 1 | Broad axe | | 4 | 25 |
| 1 | Anvil | | 17 | 87 |
| 1 | Spade | | 1 | |
| 1 | Shovel | | 1 | |
| 1 | Hoe | | " | 75 |
| 1 | Steel axe handled | | 2 | 12 |
| 1 | Hammer handled | | " | 83 |
| 1 | Mattock | | 2 | 25 |
| 1 | Hand Saw Saw | | 1 | 50 |
| 1 | Drawing Knife | | " | 75 |
| | | Dollars | 78 | = 32 |

Received St Louis May 17th 1831 of Major L Talliaferro US Indian Agent for Sioux — Seventy eight dollars and thirty two cents in full of the above account

Dr Kennerley
Sign'd. Geo H Kennerley

Dr The United States in a/c with Laurence Talliaferro Indian Agent at St Peters for the Territory
June 30 1835 – on acct of Requisitions drawn for the current expenses of his Agency & under Treaty Stipulations

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| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1835 | | |
| | To my pay for the Qr ending Dec 1834 & 31. March 1835 as Indian Agent at St Peters at $1500. pr an | 750 00 | April 14 | By requisition No 1 – on May I B Brant Mil disbursing Agt Indn Dept for my Salary for account of this date. — — — — | 750 00 |
| | To amt disbursed of Presents turned over to me by Gen W Clark on a/c of S & C line as per Abstract & Vouchers herewith. — | | " 28 | Amt of Presents of Gen Clark S & C line — | 417 05 |
| | | | " 28 | Requisition No 2. on May I B Brant Mil Dis Agt Indn Dept Pay to Prairie Chien & Co on a/c of Presents for Indians for 1835. | 553 15 |
| June 30 | To Amt of Presents delivered to Indians in the Qr ending June 30 1835. pr. Abstract | | May 17 | Requisition No 3 – on May I B Brant Mil Disbursing Agt Indn Dept in favor of D Campbell. One horse saddle & Bridles for transporting Presents &c on S & C line for act 28th June 1834 | 45 00 |
| | To one horse &c delivered to D Campbell for transporting Presents on S & C line for his occupy of this date. | 45 | " 31 | Requisition No 4 Same pay to P Connolly transportation of Presents for Indians 1835 | 28 95 |
| | To amt paid by my draft on May I B Brant Mil & transportation of Presents by Peter Connolly | 28 95 | " | Requisition No 5 Same pay to Peter Connolly transportation of Presents S & C line for act of the 28 June 1834 — | 13 66 |
| | To draft of May I B Brant in favour of P Connolly transportation of Presents for S & C line from St Louis to St Peters | 13 66 | June 17 | Requisition No 6. Same pay to Allen S Mills One yoke Cattle transportation Presents &c on S & C line for act of the 28 June 1834 | 60 00 |
| | To draft on May I B Brant in favour of A S Mills for a yoke of Cattle for transportation of Presents &c on S & C line — | 60 00 | " 30 | Requisition No 7 on Lieut McClure my Salary for the Qr ending June 30 1835 – at $1500 pr. ann | 375 00 |
| | To my Salary for Qr ending June 30 1835 as Indian Agt at $1500 pr Ann | 375 | " " | Req No 8. on Same for S Campbell pay as S Interpreter ~~& for on business with the Chippewas~~ Qr ending June 30 1835 — | ~~175~~ 00 |
| | To amt due S Campbell Interpreter for Services ~~& for interpreting with Chippewas~~ | ~~175~~ 00 | | 9 Antoine Papin Black smith | 105 |
| | | | | 10 Joseph Rasche — Agt | 55 |

1835 No. 1 $750-

April 14 — Maj J B Brant Military Dis Agt 2 Dep
Please pay my Salary as Indian
Agent at St Peters from 1 Oct 1834
to 31. March 1835 at $1500 pr. an
Received — 750 00

Lau Palmer
Indn Agt
At St Peters

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" 28 No. 2 Requisition on Maj J B Brant
Pay to Pratte Chouteau & Co for
Presents to Indians for St Peters Agency 553 15

Lau Palmer
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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" 28 No. 3 Amount of Goods received of
Gene Williams Clerk on account
of S&C line — bot of R Rogers &
for which I gave my receipt under
the orders of the Dept — under the
act of the 28th June 1834 —
for running S&C line pr treaty
of the 19th August 1825 — 417 05

Lau Palmer
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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1835 No. 3 $45

May 17. Requisition on Maj J B Brant
Mil Dis Agent Indn Dept
in favour of D Campbell for Use
hire for transporting Presents
also Saddle & Bridle — pr. act of
Congress of the 28 June 1834 — under
5th Art treaty of Prairie du Chien
of the 19th August 1825 — for running 45 00
S&C line

Lau Palmer
Indn Agent
At St Peters —

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No. 4

" 31 Requisition of Maj J B Brant
Military Dis Agent Indn Dept
in favour of P Connolly transporting Presents
from St Louis to the Agency at St Peters 28 95

Lau Palmer
Indn Agent

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No. 5

" 31 Requisition on Maj J B Brant
Military Dis Agent Indn Dept
in favour of Peter Connolly for transporting
Presents S&C line & Art treaty Prairie du Chien 13 66

Lau Palmer
Indn Agent

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No. 6

June 17. Requisition on Maj J B Brant
Military Dis Agent Indn Dept
in favour of A S Mitchell One yoke of
work Cattle for transportation on
S&C line pr act 18th June 1834
under 5 Art treaty of Prairie du Chien
of August 19th 1830 — — — 60 00

Lau Palmer
Indn Agent
At St Peters

The U States To Louis Tabeaperro — Dr

| | | Dolls | cts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1835 | No. 7 | | |
| June 3 | For his Salary as Indian Agent at Peters for the 2nd ending June 30 1835 at $1500 per Ann | 375 | 0 |
| | Amt $ | 375 | - |

Received of Lieut James McClure Military disg Agent for the Indian Dept. Three hundred and Seventy five dollars in full of this account —

Louis Tabeaperro
Indian Agent
At Peters

I certify on Honor that the above account is just and true. Louis Tabeaperro
Indian Agent
At Peters

No. 8

To Lieut James McClure — $105
Military disbursing Agt Ind Dept

Sir Please pay Antoine Papin his compensation as Black Smith for the the Sioux under 4th Art Treaty of Prairie aux Chiens of July 15th 1830 — to wit. commencing on the 1st day of April and ending on the 30th day of June 1835 — at $35 dollars per month.

Louis Tabeaperro
Indian Agent
At Peters



No. 9

To Lieut James McClure — $55
Military Dis Agent Indian Dept

Sir. Please pay Joseph Reasch his compensation as Black Smith Apprentice for the Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie aux Chiens of July the 15th 1830 — to wit from the 10th day of April 1835 & ending on the 31st day of June 1835 at $20 — per mo.

Louis Tabeaperro
Indian Agent
At Peters

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No. 10 — 40

3)20
6.50
6.50
13.00

To Lieut James McClure
Military Dis Agent Indian Dept

Sir — $75

Please pay Scotte Campbell his compensation as Interpreter for the Sioux under the Act of Congress of June 30 1834 — to wit from the first day of April to the 30th day of June 1835 — at $25 per mo.

Louis Tabeaperro
Indian Agent
At Peters

2nd ending June 30th 1835

St Louis No. 1

To Scott Campbell — Dr

1835 July 1 — For his compensation for Services rendered in Exchange interpreter with the Chippewa tribe of Indians at the Agency at St Peters between the 1st day of April and the 30th day of June 1835 — 36

I certify that the above account is just and true, and accordingly make my Requisition on Major I B Brant Military Dis Agt Indian Dept to pay to Scott Campbell the sum of Thirty six dollars in full thereof

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Peters

36 "

Received St Louis or St Peters Upper — of
— Mil & In Dept — " —

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1835 — No 2 — Dolls

July 2 — For 31 1/2 bushel Coal to An Papin at 4th Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 15th 1830 at 8 cts per Bushel — 25

I certify that the foregoing account is just and true and the Coal purchased has been used for the benefit of the Indians and accordingly make this my Requisition on Lt James McClure for the amount

Indian Agency St Peters
July 2nd 1835

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Peters



A list of articles required for Smith Shops 4 art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 15th 1830 — with Mech Imp & Workpackers of Sioux Indians for 1835 & not furnished the Estimates for —

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | doz Gun Locks (Barrels) of H Shaw | 30 | |
| 1/2 | dozen hand saw files — — — | 1 | |
| 1/2 | doz t cut saw files — — | 1 | 25 |
| 2 | doz Rat tail files assorted | 2 | 50 |
| 2 | doz half round all sizes | 2 | 75 |
| 2 | doz flat files coarse | 3 | 50 |
| 1 | doz flat files - fine & finest - | 1 | 50 |
| 1 | Bundle 5/8 - Round ~~[illegible]~~ | 10 | 00 |
| | $42.50 Amount | $ 42 | 50 |

I certify that the foregoing list of articles intended for the Smith Shop under 4th art treaty of Prairie du Chien of July the 15th 1830 - is just & proper - and do accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agent Indian Dept for the amount

Indian Agency St Peters
July 4th 1835

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Peters

Unknown

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1835
Augt
22d

The U States To Jos Rocque — Dr

For the hire of one horse for transportation of Provisions & Stores on the St C line for Interpreter & Deputation of Indians attending the Survey-
Provisions of Treaty of 19th Augt 1835
for 40 days at 50 cts pr day — 20

I certify that the above account is just and true and accordingly make my requisition on May J B Brant Mil Dis Agent Indian Dept, to pay to Joseph Rocque the sum of Twenty dollars in full thereof

Lau Palicofferro
Indn Agent
At Stillwater

20 00

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1835
August
26.

The United States To
Joseph Laque Dr

For his Services as Express to Red River
for 6 days at 1. pr day — 6

Amt $ 6

I certify that the above account is just and true and accordingly make my requisition on Lieut James McClure of the 1st Inf on Mil Dis Agent Indian Dept at St Peters to pay to Jos Laque the sum of Six dollars in full thereof —

Lau Palicofferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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1835

The U States
To Duncan Campbell Dr

Augt 28

For his Services as Sworn Interpreter on the St C boundary line under the Orders of the Dept of date the 14 may 1835 and authority under the instructions of the Comr of Ind Affairs of date the 26th March 1835 — To carry into effect the 5th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 19th of August 1825 — under the appropriation of the 18th of June 1834
Veg from the 14th day of May to include the the 21 day of August 1835 — 100 days at $2,50 pr. day 250
By one horse not returned 35
215 00

I certify that the above a/c is just and true, and according by make this my Requisition on May J B Brant Mil Dis Agt Indn Dept at St Louis ~~for~~ to Duncan Campbell the sum of Two hundred and fifteen dollars in full thereof

$ 215 00

Lau Palicofferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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The United States
To A. S. Mills & Co

| | | | |
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| 1835 | | | |
| Sept 28 | For postage on public letters addressed to the Indian Agency at St Peters during the Qr. ending Sept 30th 1835 | 4 | 25 |
| | Amt $ | 4 | 25 |

Received Fort Snelling this 28th day of September 1835 of Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt Indn Depts the sum of four dolls and 25 cents in full of the within a/c

Duplicate
Signed

I certify on honor that the above account is just and true and that the articles charged for therein for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent Indian Dept to pay to Alexander S Mills the sum of four dollars and twenty cents in full thereof.

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Lau Saliapenne
Indn Agent
At St Peters



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The United States
To Laurence Taliaferro Dr

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| 1835 | | |
| Sept 30 | For his Salary as Indian Agent at St Peters for the Qr. ending September 30 1835 at $1500 pr. ann | 375 |
| | Amt $ | 375 |

Received this 30th day of September 1835 of Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agent Indn Depts the sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dolls in full of the above account

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

I certify on honor that the above a/c is just & true and that the articles charged for therein for the benefit of the Indians -

I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt Ind Dept to pay to Laurence Taliaferro the sum of $375 - in full thereof

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Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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The U. States
To S. Campbell Dr

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1835 | | |
| Sept 30 | For his pay as Sioux Interpreter for the Agency at Pelan for the 2d ending Sept 30. at $25 pr mo | 75 |
| | Amt $ | 75 |

I certify on honor that the above account is just and true, and that the article charged for them for the benefit of the Indians

I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent Indn Deptt for the Sum of Seventy five dollars in full thereof

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Lau Saliapenn
Indn Agent
C at Pelan



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The U. States
To Antoine Papin Dr

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| 1835 | | |
| Sept 30 | For his pay as Black Smith for the Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July the 15th 1830 at $35 per mo | 105 |
| | Amt. $ | 105 |

I certify on honor that the above acct is just and true and that the article charged for them for the benefit of the Indians

I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agent Indn Deptt for the Sum of One hundred and five dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Saliapenn
Indn Agent
C at Pelan

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|---|---|---|
| 1835 | The United States<br>To Joseph Reasoc Dr | |
| Sept 30 | For his pay as Assistant to Black Hawk - under Art. Treaty of Peace dated the 15th July 1830 for 3 M. ending Sept 30th 1835 - at $20. pr Mo | 60 |
| | Amt $ | 60 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing acct is just and true and that the article charged for them for the benefit of the Indians —
I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt Indian Dept for the Sum of Sixty dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lau Pahaperro
Indian Agent
Ar Peters

Dr ending Sept 30: 1835

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1835 | The United States<br>To Alexander S. Mure P.M. | Dr | |
| Octy 3. | For postage on public letters sent to Office of Supt of Indian affairs at St Louis | 13 | 50 |
| | Amt. $ | 13 | 50 |

Received Fort Snelling this 3d day of December 1835 of Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent Indian Dept. the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents in full of the above account. —

Duplicate

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agent for Indian Departments at Fort Snelling to pay to Alexander S. Mure Post Master - the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Pahaperro
Indian Agent
Ar Peters

Invoice of Annuity Goods to be delivered at the Agency at St Peters on or before the 25 day of May 1836. for the upper Mdewakanton & Sapseton tribes of Sioux Indians under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chiens of the 15th of July 1830

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 pairs of 3 pts Blankets 2d quality | 75 | |
| 6 pairs of 3 pts do 3d do | 40 | 50 |
| 5 pairs of 2½ pts do Sapeniers | 32 | 50 |
| 2 pairs of 2 pts do do | 9 | 00 |
| 3 pairs of 1 pts do do | 9 | 75 |
| 4 pieces of Gros blue Strouds | 116 | 37 |
| 14 pieces of Blue garnet Calico | 65 | |
| 20 doz Common horn Combs | 10 | |
| 40 doz Cam Scalping Knives | 72 | |
| 425 lbs of Gun Powder | 119 | |
| 654 lbs of Small bar lead | 40 | 98 |
| 16 pounds Chinese Vermilion | 16 | 50 |
| 22 Nests Tin Kettles (10 in nest) | 139 | 50 |
| 10 dozen Tin pans | 33 | |
| 24 doz Tin Cups (Quart & Pint) | 12 | |
| 2 M Gun flints | 6 | |
| 11 Gross of Indian Awls | 16 | 50 |
| 1080 pounds Small plug Tobacco | 84 | 00 |
| Amount $ | 900 | 00 |

I certify on honor that the above account is just and true and that the Articles charged for the benefit of the Indians, I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agt Indn Defs at Fort Snelling to pay to the upper Mdewakanton & Sapseton tribes of Sioux the Sum of Nine hundred dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lan Baliaferro
Indn Agent
At Peters

Office of Indn Agency St Peters
Oct 1st 1835



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Invoice of Annuity Goods to be delivered at the Agency at St Peters on or before the 25th day of May 1836 for the Wahpaakootaa tribe of Sioux Indians, under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chiens of July 15th 1830.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 pairs of 3 pts Blankets 2d quality | | 60 | 00 |
| 3 pairs 3 pts do 3d do | | 33 | 00 |
| 4 pairs 2½ pts do Sapeniers | | 26 | 00 |
| 1 pair 1½ pts do do | | 3 | 75 |
| 1 pair 1 pts do do | 126 | 3 | 25 |
| 9 doz Gross Cam Looking | 4.50 | 4 | 50 |
| 3 pieces of Blue Stroudings | 84.91 | 84 | 91 |
| 12 pieces Common Calico | 40 | 40 | 00 |
| 20 doz Cam Scalping Knives | 26 | 26 | |
| 150 pounds of Powder | 42 | 42 | 00 |
| 384 pounds Small bar lead | 24 | 24 | 00 |
| 12 pounds of Chinese Vermilion | 13.20 | 13 | 20 |
| 9 Nests Tin Kettles (10 in nest) | 67.50 | 67 | 50 |
| 2 dozen tin pans | 8 | 8 | 00 |
| 2 M Gun flints | 6 | 6 | 50 |
| Scissors | 5.22 | 4 | 72 |
| 524 pounds Small bar lead / Twist Tobacco | 41.92 | 41 | 92 |
| Amount $ | | 500 | 00 |

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I certify on honor that the foregoing acct is just & true & that the Articles charged for the benefit of the Wahpaakootaa tribe of Sioux Indians, I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agt Indn Defs at Fort Snelling to pay to the Wahpaakootaa tribes of Sioux the Sum of $ five hundred dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lan Baliaferro
Indn Agent
At Peters

Office Indn Agency Peters
October 1st 1835

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Invoice of Agricultural Implements required for the Sapotons, Upper Muckawaskantons & Wahpekootas tribes of Sioux Indians under the 4th Art. Treaty of Prairie du Chiens of July the 15th 1830 and to be delivered at this Agency on or before the 25th day of May 1836

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Double ploughs (Murphys make) | 24 | |
| 2 | Single do — do | 20 | |
| 44 | dozen Garden hoes (Shongers) | 242 | |
| 4 | doz Squaw axes large | 35 | 95 |
| 4 | doz do do Small | 24 | |
| 2 | Sets of horse harness complete for Ploughs | 20 | |
| 12 | axes Collins & Co's (small size) | 18 | |
| 3 | Ox yokes and bows — | 10 | |
| 2 | doubles & 4 Single Swingle trees — | 10 | |
| 1 | yoke of work Cattle — | 55 | |
| 1 | Box 7 by 9 American glass — | 3 | |
| 12 | Augers — from small size to large — | 5 | |
| 6 | doz round files, Rasps and fine files | 18 | |
| 1 | doz wooden Rakes | 3 | 5 |
| | Amount $ | 490 | 00 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true, and that the articles charged — for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McLeod Military Dis Agt Indian Dept at Fort Snelling for the account the Wahpacootas Sapotons and Upper Muckawakantons tribes of Sioux the sum of Four hundred and ninety dollars in full thereof —

Office Indian Agency St Peters
October 1st 1835

Lawe Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

4

29

Invoice of Iron Steel Coal &c required for supplying of Smith Shop for the Muckawaskantons (Upper) the Sapotons & Wahpacootas Sioux under the 4th Art. Treaty of Prairie du Chiens of July the 15th 1830 and to be delivered at the Agency at St Peters on or before the 25th day of May 1835 —

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 200 | of Rod Iron 5/8 of an inch round — | 20 | 00 |
| 100 | lbs of Inch Spring Steel of (P. & J. Powell) | 25 | 00 |
| 10 | dozen files of every discription — for Smiths | 48 | 00 |
| 2 | Grind Stones | 6 | 00 |
| 1 | Keg of Tar | 5 | 00 |
| 1 | lb of Borax | 1 | 00 |
| 1 | Block of brazier's copper | 2 | 00 |
| 25 | Bottles of Oil | 1 | 00 |
| 1 | Quire of Sand paper | 1 | 00 |
| 3 | Dozen (BARNET) Gun Locks (of Henry Shaw) | 50 | 00 |
| | Amount $ | 169 | 00 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true — and that the articles charged — for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McLeod Military Dis Agt Indian Dept for the Army to pay to the Upper Muckawaskantons Sapotons and Wahpacootas tribes of Sioux the sum of One hundred and Sixty nine dollars in full thereof —

Approved

Office of Indian Agency St Peters
October 1st 1835

Lawe Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

5

Invoice of Goods entered as Presents for Indians and to be delivered at the Agency at St Peters on or before the 25 day of May 1836. for the various tribes of Sioux Indians. to whom there is no Annuity paid.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 pairs 3 pts Blankets 3d quality | 67 | 50 |
| 6 pr. 2½ pts do Superior 2 pr | 32 | 50 |
| 3 pr. 2 pr do do 1 pr | 21 | 25 |
| 3 prs 1 pts do do | 17 | 25 |
| 3 pieces Com blue Shroud | 86 | 31 |
| 1 piece Scarlet Com cloth | 30 | |
| 12 pieces Com blue ground calico | 48 | |
| 10 doz Com horn Combs | 5 | |
| 20 doz Com Scalping Knives | 30 | |
| 425 lbs Com Gun Powder | 106 | 25 |
| 800 pounds Small bar lead | 40 | |
| 10 pounds of Chi vermillion | 10 | |
| 2 gross Looking Glasses | 9 | 30 |
| 6 nests Tin Kettles with covers | 42 | |
| 5 doz tin pans | 15 | |
| 1400 pounds Smoking tobacco | 84 | |
| 2000 Gun flints | 7 | |
| 4 gross Indian awls | 4 | |
| 6 doz tin cups | 3 | |
| 4 pieces colored thread | 4 | |
| 1/4 Sewing Silk all colors | 1.50 | |
| 6 Rolls deep blue ribbon | 4.50 | |
| 500 Sewing needles | 5 | |
| 4 doz pairs of Suspenders assorted | 6 | |
| 6 doz Brass thimbles | 1 | 80 |
| 4 packs of Hawk Bells | 2 | 00 |
| 1 piece Bell Silk Handkerchiefs | 8 | |
| 1 piece Steam loom Plaiding | 6 | 50 |
| Amts $ | 698 | 66 |



I certify on honor that the foregoing a/c is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lewis Cass Military Sec of War at for Fulfilling for the amount thereof

Office Indian Agency St Peters
October 1st 1835

Lafleur

Lan Palladino
Indian Agt St Peters

Invoice of Stationery for Office of Indian Agency at St Peters to be delivered on or before the 25 day of May 1836

| | |
|---|---|
| 1, 2 Qr. folio post Books large fancy lines | |
| 1, 2 qrs Registration Books - ruled | |
| 1, 3 qrs letter Books ruled | |
| 2, 2 qrs Blank Books Com Ruled | |
| 1, Ream best superfine letter paper fine | |
| 1/2, do. Com foolscap | |
| 4, Dzs of folio Post fancy lines on one side | |
| 100, Best quills | |
| 2, Bottles pr Black ink | |
| 6, Bunches of Office tape | |
| 2, Reams envelopping paper fine | |
| 1/4, lbs Sealing wax | |
| 4, Dzs Blank bonds & Discretion bds | |
| 4, Dzs Blank Licens for the Trade | |
| Amounts $ | 35 00 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing a/c is just and true and the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lewis Cass Secretary Military Dep at War Dep for Fulfilling for the amount thereof

Office Indian Agency St Peters
October 1st 1835

Lafleur

Lan Palladino
Indian Agent
At St Peters

4

1835 The United States
To Jean B Raymond Dr

Nov 22 For furnishing fuel for Indians
15 Cords of wood at $1.50 pr cord delivered 22 50

Amount $ 22 50

I certify that the above account is just & true and that the Article Charged for the benefit of the Indians I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lt James Allen Military dis Agent Indn Affs at Fort Snelling to pay to Jean B Raymond the Sum of twenty two dollars and fifty cents in full thereof

Duplicate

Law Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

8

1835 The United States
To Benjamin Brookshire Dr

Nov 30 For 4 coffins made for Indian Funerals
at the Agency at St Peters at $2 each — 8

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the Articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James Allen Military dis Agent Indn affs at Fort Snelling to pay to Benjamin Brookshire the Sum of Eight dolls in full thereof

Duplicate

Law Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters



9

1835 The United States
To Joseph Reasch Dr

Dec 10 For furnishing Charcoal for Smiths
under 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July
15th 1830. 300 bushels at 10cts pr Bl 30

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true & that the Article Charged for the benefit of the Indians I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lt James Allen Mil dis Agent Indn Affs at Fort Snelling to pay to Jos Reasch the Sum of Thirty dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Law Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

10

1835 The United States
To Alexander S Murray P M Dr

Dec 31 For amt of Postage on private letters
addressed to the Indn Agt at St Peters during
the Qr. ending 31. Decr 1835 — — 5 30

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and the Article charged for the benefit of the Indians I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James Allen Military dis Agent at Fort Snelling to pay to Alexander S. Murray the Sum of five dollars fifty cts in full thereof

Duplicate

Law Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

11

The United States
To Joseph Reasch

| 1835 | | Drs |
|---|---|---|
| Decr 31 | For his pay as Assistant Smith for the Sioux Indians under the 4th art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 15th 1830 for 2 M ending Decr 31. 1835 at $20. per mo | 60 |
| | Amount $ | 60 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing acct is just & true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military dis Agent Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Reasch the sum of Sixty dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

12

The United States
To Antoine Papin

| 1835 | | Drs |
|---|---|---|
| Decr 31 | For his pay as Black Smith for Sioux Indians for 4th art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 15th 1830 - for 2 M ending Decr 31. 1835 at $35 per mo - | 105 |
| | Amount $ | 105 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military dis Agt Indn Dept to pay to Antoine Papin the sum of One hundred & five dollars in full thereof. —

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters



13

The United States
To Scott Campbell

| 1835 | | Drs |
|---|---|---|
| Decr 31. | For his pay as Sioux Interpreter for the 2 M ending December 31 1835 at $300 per Ann | 75 |
| | Amount $ | 75 00 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing acct is just and true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military dis Agt at Fort Snelling to pay to Scott Campbell the sum of Seventy dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

14

The United States
To Laurence Taliaferro

| 1835 | | Drs |
|---|---|---|
| Decr 31. | For his Salary as Indian Agent at St Peters for Act 30 June 1834 for 2 M ending Decr 31 1835 at $1500 per Ann | 375 |
| | Amount = $ | 375 00 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true - and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military dis Agent Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Laurence Taliaferro the sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dolls in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

2 M ending 31st Decr
1835

The United States

1836 To ~~Benj Beaubien~~ Henry Miller Dr

March 31 For furnishing five coffins for Indians funeral at the Agency at St Peters during the Qr. ending March 31. at $2 each — 10

Amt $ 10

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and the article charged for the benefit of the Indians I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to ~~Benjamin Beaubien~~ Henry Miller the Sum of Ten dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

(Henry Miller)

Lan Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

The United States

1836 To Joseph Reaich Dr

March 31. For his pay as Sawyer for Black Smith under 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 15 1830 at $240 pr. ann — 60

Amount $ 60

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Reaich the Sum of Sixty dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lan Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters



The United States

1836 To ~~Antoine~~ Antoine Papin Dr

March 31. For his pay as Black Smith for Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of July 15 - 1830 at $420 pr. Ann — 105

Amount $ 105 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and ~~true~~ and the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Antoine Papin the Sum of One hundred and five dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lan Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

The United States

1836 To Scott Campbell Dr

Mch 31. For his pay as Interpreter for Sioux for the Qr. ending March 31. 1836. at $300 pr. Ann — — — 75

Amount $ 75 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and the article charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Scott Campbell the Sum of Seventy five dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lan Paliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

1836 The United States

March 31 To Laurence Taliaferro Dr

For his Salary as Indian Agent at Peters for the 2d. ending on the 31. day of March 1836 at $1,500 per annum — 375

Amount $ 375

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis A/S for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Laurence Taliaferro the sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At Peters

1

1836 The United States Indian Dept
To Mahzah Teofah Dr

June 11 For his Services as an Express to the Superintendent & Wah kaa Koosta Chiefs calling them to the annuity payment for 1836 — — 10

Amt — $ 10.

I certify on honor that the foregoing acct is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis A/S for Indian Dept to pay to Mahzah Teofah the sum of Ten dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At Peters





1836 The United States
To Joseph Lequis — — — Dr

Sept 30 For fuel furnished for Indians visiting the Agency at Peters & at payments of Annuities between the 1st day of April and the 30th day of Sept 1836 — 11½ cords at $21 per cords — 243 00

Amt 243 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just & true and the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis A/S for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Lequis the sum of Twenty three dollars in full thereof. —

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At Peters

3

1836 The United States
To Post Master at Fort Snelling Dr

Sept 30 For letters delivered to the Agent at Peters on public Service between the 1st of July and the 30th day of September 1836 — — — 12 87

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure to pay to S. C. Plumbaugh, or acting Post Master at Fort Snelling — the sum of one Eighty Seven Cents in full thereof.

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At Peters

The United States
To Patrick Quin Dr

1836
Sept 30 For his services as occasional Interpr for the Chippeways on business with the Agency at Pelers. between the 1st day of May and the 30th day of September 1836 — — — — — 64

Received St Louis this — of May I B Brant Mil dis agt for Indian Dept at St Louis. the sum of Sixty four dollars in full of the above account — Patrick Quin
Witness Duplicate Mark

I certify on honor that the foregoing is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians. — I accordingly make this my requisition on May I B Brant Mil dis agent for Indian Dept at St Louis to pay to Patrick Quin. the sum of Sixty four dollars in full thereof —
Duplicate Lan Palia ferro
Indn agent
At Pelers



The United States
To Joseph Roach Smith Dr

1836
Sept 30 For his pay as Stricker for Black Smith under 4th art treaty of July 15th 1830. for two Qrs ending Sept 30 1836 at $240 pr. Ann 120
Deducted over payment on former acct 1 40
Balance due $118. 60

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians. and I accordingly make the my requisition on Lieut James McClure to pay to Joseph Roach Stricker. the sum of One hundred and Eighteen dollars in full thereof —
Duplicate Lan Palia ferro
Indn agent
At Pelers

The United States
To Oliver Crater Dr

1836
Sept 30 For his pay as Armourer & Smith for Sioux under 4th Art Treaty of July 15 1830 for (2) Qrs ending this day at $600 pr Ann 300 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil dis agent for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Oliver Crater. the sum of Three Hundred dollars in full thereof
Duplicate Lan Palia ferro
Indn Agent
At Pelers

1836
Sept 30

The United States
To Scott Campbell Dr
For his pay as Sioux Interpreter at the Agency at St Peters for two Mos ending this date at $300 pr. Ann — 150

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McLeod Mil Dis Agt for Indn Depts at Fort Snelling to pay to Scott Campbell the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars in full thereof — (Certificate)

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

1836
Sept 30

The United States
To Lau Taliaferro Dr
For his Salary as Indian Agent at St Peters for two Mos ending this date at $1500 pr. Ann — — — 750

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McLeod Mil Dis Agent for Indn Depts at Fort Snelling to pay to Lauren Taliaferro — the sum of Seven Hundred & fifty dollars in full thereof — (Certificate)

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

Mos ending Sept 30 — 3
& Year — 1836 3



Requisition for Annuity goods to be delivered at the Agency at St Peters on or before the 25 day of May 1837 — for the Upper Mdewakanton & Sisseton tribes of Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830 —

Requisitions &
Accts for Mos ending Sept 30
1836

1

Requisition for Annuity Goods to be delivered at the Agency at Pilot on or before the 25 day of May 1837 for the Wah pa koo ta Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830 –

Med & Inspection Goods

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Blankets assorted Sizes & Colours | 166 | 75 |
| ~~Strouding Blue~~ Same lots | 116 | 37 |
| Calico fancy | 65 | |
| Combs Common horn | 10 | |
| Knives Scalping | 72 | |
| Powder Gun Dupants | 119 | |
| Lead Small bar | 41 | 88 |
| Vermillion | 16 | 50 |
| Kettles Tin Nests of | 139 | 50 |
| Pans Tin | 35 | |
| Bass fish hooks, & fish lines | 12 | |
| Flints Gun – black | 6 | 50 |
| Awls Moccasin | 16 | 50 |
| Tobacco – Small plug | 84 | |
| Amt $ | 900 | |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indn Affs at Fort Snelling to pay to the Upper Mdewakanton & Sisseton tribes of Sioux Indians the full amount thereof of Nine hundred dollars

(Duplicate) Lau Sabieferro
Indn Agent
at Pilot



2

Annuity Goods

Reqn for ~~Agricultural Implements~~ to be delivered at the Agency at Pilot on or before the 25 day of May 1837 for the ~~Upper Mdewakanton & Sisseton~~ Wah pa koo ta tribes of Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15 of July 1830 —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Blankets 3 pts & 2½ – 2d Quality | 126 | 85 |
| Looking Glasses paper | 4 | 50 |
| Strouding blue | 84 | 91 |
| Calico fancy | 40 | 00 |
| Scalping Knives | 216 | 00 |
| Powder Gun Dupants 48 | 48 | 00 |
| Lead Small bar | 24 | 00 |
| Vermillion | 13 | 20 |
| Kettles Tin – No Nests 69 70 | 69 | 70 |
| Pans Tin – Small | 8 | 00 |
| Flints Gun (Black) 6 50 | 6 | 50 |
| Scissors 5 24 | 5 | 27 |
| Tobacco – Small plug | 41 | 92 |
| Amt $ | 500 | 00 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indn Affs at Fort Snelling to pay to the Wah pa koo ta Sioux. The sum of Five hundred dollars in full thereof.

(Duplicate) Lau Sabieferro
Indn Agent
At Pilot

# 3

Req. for Iron Steel &c for Support of Smiths for the year 1837. to be delivered on or before the 25th day of May 1837. under the 4th art. of the Treaty of Prairie du chien of the 15th of July 1830. with the Upper Mud Lake, Sapsucker & Wahpaakoota

| | |
|---|---|
| 200 pounds of Rat 5/8 Round Iron | 20 |
| 200 pos Spring Steel - for traps do — | 50 |
| 10 doz files assorted for gun & B Smith | 25 |
| 1. Bundle Sheet Iron ——— | 7 |
| 3 doz (Barrels) gun Locks ——— | 36 |
| 1 Bundle of Riveting Wire ——— | 4 |
| Amt — $ | 142 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true. and the Article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Military Dis Agent for Indian Affs at Fort Snelling to pay to the Upper Mudawakanton Sapsucker & Wahpaakoota tribes of Sioux Indians the Sum of One hundred and forty two dollars on account of Support of Black Smith Shop in full thereof

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At Stillwater

Duplicate

Office of Indn Agency Stillwater
Upper Miss Oct 1836



# 4

Req. for Agricultural implements to be delivered at the Agency at Stillwater on or before the 25th day of May 1837. for the Upper Mud awakanton, Sapsucker and Wahpaakoota tribes of Sioux under the 4th art. Treaty of Prairie du chien of July 15th 1830. ——

| | |
|---|---|
| 4. Work Oxen - 4 years old ——— | 120 |
| 2. Horses for the plough & wagon | 120 |
| 12 Mens Saddles ——— ——— | 55 |
| 12 Bridles Snaffles ——— | 6 |
| 1 doz Cord lines ——— | 3 |
| Hire of a Farmer or Husbandman | 180 |
| Grass Scythes ——— | 6 |
| Amt $ | 490 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true. and the Article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Dis Agent for Indn Affs at Fort Snelling to pay to the Upper Mudawakanton. Sapsucker and Wahpaakoota tribes of Sioux under the 4th art. Treaty of July 15th 1830. The Sum of Four hundred and Ninety dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lawrence Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At Stillwater

Office of Indn Agency Stillwater
Upper Miss Oct 2d 1836

Recd. for Presents for the various tribes of Sioux to whom no annuity is paid - to be delivered at the Agency at Pitlers on or before the 25th of May 1837 -

| | |
|---|---|
| Powder Gun Serpents, or other | 126 |
| Lead in small bars | 44 |
| Tobacco in kegs & small pkg | 80 |
| Flints Gun (Black | 6 |
| Knives Scalping | 36 |
| Glasses paper Lookling | 7 |
| Blankets 3d Quality - assorted Sizes | 107 |
| Strouds Cloth blue | 86 |
| Scarlet cloth | 38 |
| Calico fancy | 48 |
| Vermillion Chinese | 15 |
| Cow Horn Combs | 6 |
| Fish Hooks | 5 |
| Fish Lines | 7 |
| Mocasin awls | 8 |
| Steam loom Sheeting for flags & funnels | 7 |
| Blue Ribbon for medals | 8 |
| Tin Kettles with covers | 46 |
| Tin pans large & small | 20 |
| | 694 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just & true, and that the articles charged 694 - for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Dis Agent for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling - for the full amount thereof

(Duplicate)

Lau Palisfero
Indian Agent
At Pitlers





Recd. for Stationary for Office of Indian Agency at Pitlers for the year 1837 - and to be delivered on or before the 25th day of May 1837.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 Rheams of hot pressed letter paper | |
| 1/2 do. of foolscap | |
| 2 Drs of large (fine line) folio Post | |
| 2 Drs of envelopeing paper | |
| 100 best Pencils | |
| 1/4 lbs Sealing wax | |
| 1 small phial of Red Ink | |
| Amt | $ 16 |

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true - and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure to pay the full amount of Sixteen dollars thereon.

(Duplicate)

Lau Palisfero
Indian Agent
At Pitlers

Requisitions &

Accts for Annuities for the year 1837

Oct. 1st 1836 forwarded



1836 The United States
To Lau Taliaferro Ser

Decr 31. For his Salary as Indian Agent at St Peters for the Yr ending Decr 31. 1836 at $1500 pr. Ann. 375 00

Amt. $ 375 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing accounts is just and true and that the Articles charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Off at Fort Snelling - to pay to Laurence Talia ferro - the Sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

1836 The United States
To Scott Campbell - - Ser -

Decr 31. For his pay as Interpreter for the Sioux for the Yr ending December 31. 1836 at $300 pr. ann. — 75 00

Amt. $ 75 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing accounts is just and true, and that the Articles charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Off for Indn Affairs at Fort Snelling to pay to Scott Campbell the Sum of Seventy five dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

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Bacon - 9.38
Sugar - 7.00
Rice - 2.16
Coffee - 4.40
$23.44
$22.94
Price 22.94 -
11.00

Aug 15. 1834

P. Lo Whitehouse
$4.50
for Beef
15. Aug

The Medewakanton Band of Sioux Indians
To Joseph Rainville dr.

To amt. of Credits unpaid, made during the years 1808, 1809; 1810, 1811, 1812 & 1813 Say Five years estimated

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All persons indebted to the estate of John Longenecker, of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, dec'd. are hereby requested to pay their respective accounts, without delay, to the undersigned surviving Executor, and all those having claims will please present them for settlement.

CHRISTIAN GROH.

March 9, 1837.

after using Brandreth's Vegetable Universal Pills a short time, was entirely cured.

The lady in question feels a delicacy in having her name published, but nevertheless would be pleased to give all the satisfaction in her power, if those desiring would take the trouble to call upon her.

N. B.—Her address is left at Dr. B[illegible]

## FOR RENT.

That commodious Brick House, lately occupied by Dr. Burrowes, 3 squares from the Court House, corner of East King and Shippen streets. It is pleasantly situated for a private residence. The

LANCASTER.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 18

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

, because, before the arrival of an-
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er 1st, 1838, at which time, if not ac-

report employed the whole time of two clerks one month.

This particular statement of the business of the School system, is presented to the Legislature, because it is understood that the present State Treasurer, entertains doubt of the Superintendents' power to employ a School Clerk, under the Act of last June.

It is proper, further to state, that the Auditor General and former State Treasurer were consulted and concurred in the legality, as well as propriety of the step, when it was taken. Before any measures are adopted by the Legislature, the Superintendent would invite an examination of the School desk in his office, not only to show the necessity of the clerk already employed, but the propriety of giving

liar helps to instruction in the other schools under their charge. The order, discipline and arrangement, together with the improvement, observable in this school, may be attributable mainly to the interest excited in the children by this apparatus."

Apart from all reasons of convenience and benefit to the system, which loudly demanded better school houses, and their improvement, even mere whitewashing, would have a happy moral effect. Outward decency and cleanliness are ever the first marks of reformation, both in persons and things. The first step accomplished, no matter how small, is an advance towards a better state, which the distinctive spirit of the age will render progressive."

An addition is indispensable to the instruction fund. The whole annual school

now $200,000

ation in which directors are placed. Their first duty is to provide school houses. This, for the first year or longer perhaps, exhausts the funds at their command. In the mean time the old system for the education of the poor gratis suspended. The people become impatient. Due allowance is not made for the difficulties of the board. As soon therefore as the replenished treasury of the district will at all authorize it, the schools are opened. The first teachers who present themselves are employed; or, if more than the number needed offer, the wish to continue the schools as long as possible in operation induces the employment of such as are willing to take the lowest compensation. Hence it will be perceived that wants of sufficient funds, not only prevents well qualified persons from seeking the office of common school

during the year—5th, Because the situation of the children of the poor will be worse than it was under the old law. Under that they could attend the *whole* year, provided there was a school kept open within reach, and the county had to pay for them; but now, as soon as the common funds are exhausted, they must quit school for that year while the more opulent have it in their power to keep open school for their children as long as they please. And what is of more importance than all the rest—6th, Because in most cases it will be impossible to procure good teachers, if the schools are kept open a few months in each year only."

It is therefore suggested, that absolute admissibility be limited to persons between five and sixteen years of age, with discretionary power in the directors to admit persons over the latter age, when circumstan-

1836 The United States
To Oliver Crate . . . Dr
Decr 31 For his pay as Armourer and Smith for the Service under the 4th Art. Treaty of Prairie du chien of the 15th of July 1830. for the Qr ending Decr 31. 1836
At $600 pr. Ann 150
Amt - $150

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Depts at Fort Snelling to pay to Oliver Crate the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

1836 The United States
To Joseph Reasch Dr
Decr 31. For his pay as Assistant & Shoeker to the Smith for the Qr ending Decr 31. 1836 under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie du chien of July 15 1830. at $240. pr. Ann 60
Amt ÷ $60

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Depts at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Reasch the sum of Sixty dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters



1836 The United States
To Abiel Sturdo Dr
Decr 31 For five Coffins for Indian funerals made under the direction of the Agent
At $2. each 10 00
Amt ÷ $10 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Depts at Fort Snelling to pay to Abiel Sturdo the sum of Ten dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

The United States
1836 To the Post Master at Fort Snelling Dr
Decr 31. For Postage on public letters delivered to, & sent by the Agent at St Peters between the 1st day of Oct & 31 Decr 4 " 37

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Samuel C Stevens Postmr or actg Post Master the sum of Four dollars and thirty seven cents in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Taliaferro
Indn Agent
At St Peters

The United States
To Laurence Taliaferro Dr

Requisitions &
Accts. 2d ending Decr 31.
1836



1837 The United States
March To Laurence Taliaferro Dr
31. For his pay as Indian Agent at St Peters
for the 2d ending Decr 31. 1837. at $1500
pr. Ann. - pr. act. 30th June 1834 — 375 00

Received Fort Snelling this 31. day of March 1837. of Lieut James McClure - Mil Dis Agt for Indian Department the sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dollars in full of the above account

(Duplicate) Lau Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Peters

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indians Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Laurence Taliaferro the sum of Three hundred and seventy five dollars in full thereof. —

(Duplicate) Lau Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At St Peters

1837 The United States
March To Scott Campbell Dr.
31. For his pay as Interpreter for Sioux for the Qr. ending Dec 31. 1837 at $300 pr. ann for act 30th June 1834 — 75

Amount $ 75 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true, and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis agt at Fort Snelling to pay to Scott Campbell the sum of Seventy five dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lau Balcoferro
Indn agent
at Pkins

1837 The United States
To Oliver Cutler Dr.
March 31 For his pay as Armourer & Smith for Sioux pr. act 30th June 1834 & under the 4th Art Treaty of July the 15th 1830. at $600 pr. ann . . . 150

Amount $ 150 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just, and true, and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Oliver Cutler the sum of One hundred, and fifty dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Lau Balcoferro
Indn agent
at Pkins



1837 The United States
To Joseph Rasco Dr.
March 31. For his pay as Shoeing for Black Hawk for the Qr. ending March 31. 1837. pr. act of the 30th June 1834. under the 4 Art Treaty of July 15 1830. at $240 pr. ann 60 00

Amount $ 60 00

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Rasco the sum of Sixty dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Balcoferro
Indn agent
at Pkins

1837 The United States
To S. C. Stambaugh P. Master Dr.
March 31 For Postage on public letters sent & for letters delivered to the agent at Pkins during the Qr. ending March 31. 1837. . . . . 11 56¼

Amount $ 11 56¼

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just and true and that the articles charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure. Mil Dis agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Samuel C. Stambaugh, or actg Post Master the sum of Eleven dollars — fifty six & ¼ cents in full thereof

Duplicate

Lau Balcoferro
Indn agent
at Pkins

1837

The United States

To Joseph Degerlis Dr

March 31 For cutting, hawling and delivering at the Agency at St Peters Ten cords of wood for Visiting Indians and for expenditures at payment of Annuities for 1837. at $2 pr. cord — 20

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just and true and the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Degerlis the sum of Twenty dollars in full thereof.

Duplicate

Law Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

Requisition

Accts D. ending 31. March 1837



1837 The United States

To Law Taliaferro Dr dolls cts

June 30 For his pay as Indian Agent at St Peters pr. act of the 30th June 1834 for the ending June 30 1837 at $1500 pr. ann 375-00

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just and true and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agt for Indn Dept to pay to Lawrence Taliaferro the sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dollars in full thereof.

Duplicate

Law Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

The United States

1837 To Scott Campbell Dr

June 30 For his pay as Sioux Interpreter pr act of the 30th of June 1834 - for the yr ending June 30 1837 at $300 pr. ann 75

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just and true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indn Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Scott Campbell the sum of Seventy five dollars in full thereof. Duplicate

Law Taliaferro
Indn Agent
at St Peters

1837 — The United States

To Oliver Beatte — Drs

June 30 — For his pay as Armourer & Smith for Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of July 15th 1830. for 2 yr ending June 30 1837 at $300 pr Ann — 150

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just & true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Oliver Beatte the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

The United States

1837 — To Joseph Rasch — Drs

June 30 — For his pay as Assistant Smith for Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of July 15 1830 — for 2 yr ending June 30 1837 at $240 pr ann — 60

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just & true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians. I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Joseph Rasch. the sum of Sixty dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate



1837 — The United States

To Patrick Quinn — Drs

June 30 — For his Services as occasional Interpreter for the Chippewas at the Agency at St Peters between the 1st of April & this date. — 42 00

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just and true, and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Indian Dept at Fort Snelling to pay to Patrick Quinn — the sum of Forty two dollars in full thereof

Duplicate

1837 — The United States

To Richard D Welch — Drs

June 30 — For his pay as Farmer, & instructor in in Agriculture for the Sioux under the 4th Art Treaty of July 15 1830. for the 2 yr ending June 30 1837 at $180 pr. an — 45 00

I certify on honor that the forgoing account is just and true — and that the article charged for the benefit of the Indians — I accordingly make this my Requisition on Lieut James McClure Mil Dis Agent for Ind Dept At Fort Snelling to pay to Richard D Welch. the sum of Forty five dollars in full ~~thereof~~

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RJS

Will you send Mr. Letterman another 10 pages?

LMK

1837 The United States
To S & Stambaugh Pell Dr

June 30 For amt of Postage on public letters
Sent and on letters delivered for the
Indian Agency at Peters during the
Qr ending on the 30th of June 1837 — 8 87

Amount $ 8 " 87

I certify on honor that the foregoing account is just
and true, and that the articles charged for the benefit
of the Indians - I accordingly make this my Requisition
on Lieut James McClure Dis Off for Ind: Dept
to pay to S & Stambaugh the sum of
and cents in full thereof —

Duplicate

The United States
1837 To Abiel Hurd
June 30 For two coffins made for Indian
funerals at $2 each — — 4

Amt $ 4

I certify on honor that the foregoing account
is just and true and that the articles charged
for the benefit of the Indians - I accordingly
make this my Requisition on Lieut James
McClure Dis Off for Ind Dept at Fort
Snelling to pay to Abiel Hurd the sum of four
dollars in full thereof —

Duplicate

Requisition for Annuity Goods to be delivered at the Agency at Pitts near Fort Snelling on or before the 20th day of May 1838. for the Sufeetons & Upper Medawakanton tribes of Sioux. Indians under the 4th Art Treaty of Prairie Chien of the 15 July 1830

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Blankets aportion Sizes & Colors | 166 | 75 |
| Shrouding Blue & Sam list blue cloth | 116 | 37 |
| Calico aportion Blue Grounds | 65 | |
| Combs Cow horn | 10 | |
| Knives Scalping | 72 | |
| Powder fine Sempoints | 154 | |
| Lead Small bar | 41 | 88 |
| Vermillion | 16 | 50 |
| Kettles Tin Nests of | 139 | 50 |
| Bass fish Hooks & fish lines | 12 | 00 |
| Flints Gun large Black | 6 | 50 |
| Awls Moccasin | 10 | 50 |
| Tobacco Small plug 7 & 8 to lb | 90 | 00 |
| | 900 | 00 |

Copy the above for 1839 in Duplicate with the same heading



Req. for Annuity goods to be delivered at the Agency at Pitts near Fort Snelling on or before the 20 day of May 1838. for the Wahpe a Koota, tribe of Sioux Indians under the 4th art of the Treaty of Prairie des Chiens of the 15th of July 1830.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Blankets 3 pt & 2½ pt 2d Quality | 126 | 85 |
| Gloves Looking papers | 4 | 50 |
| Shrouding Blue | 84 | 91 |
| Calico aportion Blue ground | 40 | 00 |
| Scalping Knives | 216 | 00 |
| Powder fine Sempoints | 48 | 00 |
| Lead Small bars | 24 | 00 |
| Vermillion | 13 | 20 |
| Kettles Tin in Nests | 69 | 70 |
| Pans Tin Smalls | 8 | 00 |
| Flints fine large Black | 6 | 50 |
| Scissors aported | 5 | 27 |
| Tobacco Smalls plug 7 & 8 to lb | 41 | 92 |
| | 500 | 00 |

The above for 1839 in Duplicate Same heading

Req. for Agricultural implements to be delivered at the Agency at Kiles near Fort Snelling on or before the 20 day of May 1838. for the Sisseton - Wah pa koota and Upper Medawakanton tribes of Sioux Indians under the 4th Art of the Treaty of Prairie du Chien of the 15th of July 1830.

| | |
|---|---|
| One yoke of work Cattle — — — | 70 |
| Garden Hoes assorted — — — | 200 |
| One doz Collins & Co axes — — — | 18 |
| One Ox yoke & Bows — — — — | 4 |
| Two doz Snaffle Bridles — — — — | 12 |
| Cords for Plough lines — — — — — | 6 |
| For pay of a Farmer for Seasons — | 180 |
| Ans — | 490 |

Duplicate

Copy this with Heading as above

Requ. for the year 1839

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 yoke of work Cattle | $ 140 |
| Garden Hoes assorted | 200 |
| One Doz Collins & Co's Axes | 18 |
| 4 doz Snaffle Bridles | 24 |
| 48 Half axes — — — — — — | 48 |
| Ox yokes & Bows complete — | 10 |
| Ox Chains — — — — | 8 |
| 2 large bar shear ploughs - double - | 32 |
| Cords for Plough lines — — — | 10 |
| | $ 490 |



Requisition for Iron. Steels, files &c for support of Smith Shop to be delivered at the Agency at Kiles near Fort Snelling on or before the 20th day of May 1838. for the Sisseton - Wah pa Koota and Upper Medawakanton tribes of Sioux Indians under the 4th art of the Treaty of July the 15th 1830 -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 200 lbs of Trap Spring Steel | 35 | |
| 200 lbs of 5/8 round Iron | 20 | |
| 150 lbs of less than 5/8 do. or 1. B Nail Rods | 15 | |
| 12 dozen files assorted | 30 | |
| 1. Iron cast Swage for forming Ladles | 1 | 50 |
| Amount $ | 121 | 50 |

Duplicate

Iron Steel &c for 1839

Copy this with Heading as above

| | |
|---|---|
| 150 lbs less than 5/8 round rod Iron | |
| 100 lbs Trap Spring Steel — — — — | |
| One Sett of Bullet moulds | |
| 14 doz. Smithy files assorted - | |
| 1. Bundle of Nail Rods. | |
| 2 Bottles of Sweet Oil | |
| 2 lbs of Borax | |
| 1 Bundle of large Roofing Twine | |
| | 120 00 |

Req. for Presents for the upper Muckawaukanaw the Saginaw - Wabfoakosha - Wabfeetins, and of another tribe of Sioux Indians. to be delivered at the Agency at Peters near Fort Snelling on or before the 20th day of May 1838. under the Act of Congress of the 30th of June 1834.

| | |
|---|---|
| Blankets 3 pt 2d Quality | 30 |
| Blankets 3 pt 3d quality | 40 |
| Blankets 2½ pt 3d quality | 40 |
| Blankets 1½ pt 2d quality | 30 |
| Sam bot Blue Cloth | 80 |
| Scarlet Cloth | 40 |
| Calicos assorted Colors | 43 |
| Powder Dupents | 1264 |
| Lead in Smalls | 45 |
| Kettles in Nests - Tin | 46 |
| Knives Scalping | 33 |
| Tin pans in Dozens | 15 |
| + Tin cups by Dozens | 5 |
| Thread lbs of all Colors | 5 |
| Scissors Dozens of | 6 |
| Vermellion lbs of | 15 |
| Glazers working paper | 10 |
| Fish Hooks & lines | 15 |
| Steam bore Stirrups | 6 |
| Awls Mocasin | 8 |
| Tobacco in Small pieces | 1215 |
| Rolls of Ribbons | |
| | $791 00 |



Req. for Stationary for Office of Indian Agency at Peters for the year 1838 to be delivered on or before the 20th day of May 1838. —

1 Rheam of fine letter paper
½ do fine foolscap - fine line
2 Quires fine envelope
4 Quires large folio Post ruled on one side
2 2 Books Blank ruled for Office
6 Bunches of Office Tape.
100 Best Quills
2 Bottles fine Black Ink
1 Quart Bottle of Red do
½ lb Sealing Wax —

Amt $ 25—

Req^n for 1839 —

1. Rheam of fine hot pressed letter paper fine line
½ do. fine fine line foolscap
2 Quires fine envelopes for — packages
2 Quires large folio Post - ruled flush on one side
1. Blank Book for office
6 Bunches of Office Tape
100 best Quills
2 Bottles fine black, or blue Ink
½ lb. Sealing Wax
1 Box of wafers —

25—

Copy Duplicate of Stationary also

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Req. for Presents for 1839. the Pelers
A jury to be delivered on or before the
25th day of May 1839 — at Pelers near
Fort Snelling ———

| | |
|---|---|
| Blankets 3 pts 2d Quality all Colors | 70 |
| Blankets 2½ 2d do do | 40 |
| Blankets 1½ pt . . . . . | 30 |
| Sarlet & Blue Cloth or Shroods — | 80 |
| Scarlet Cloth ——— | 40 |
| Powder | 96 |
| Lead Small bar | 50 |
| Tobacco Small plug | 100 |
| Calico | 40 |
| Flints | 5 |
| Knives | 30 |
| Kettles in nests | 40 |
| Pans Tin — | 7 |
| Glasses Looking | 5 |
| Vermillion | 8 |
| Ribbon. deep Blue Robs — | 5 |
| Fish Hooks Bass & Perch assd | 5 |
| Fish lines assd | 10 |
| Thread all Colors | 4 |
| Scissors Coarse & fine | 3 |
| Combs fine | 2 |
| Combs Common horn | 4 |
| Steam boat Sterling | 6 |
| # | 680 |

Copy the above in duplicate

The Contract of Cattle by Mr Kerr arrived this day the 9th of June 1839 — for this Post —

This Contract of Mr Kerrs was taken this year at less than 4.50 — something like 4.43 ¢ pr hundred for fresh Beef for the troops — it varies from 8 cts to 4.45 or 4¾ts. it is always a losing business at less than 5 cts pr lb. —



Vol 13th for 1839 —

June Monday 10th 1839 —

Keeper calls on the Agent for a Coffin to bury an infant Girl — his Daughter of — 14 years of age. —

Hires Waystaff to make one for him —

This is the third child lost by this Indian in two years —

The Chiefs, and head men of the Sioux hearing of the intended visit of the Chippewas to this Post — on business relative to the payment of their Annuities & Treaty Stipulations Have called for my presence in a Council to be held as soon as the Braves arrive —

J.B. Satouelle calls at the office with a letter from Genl Jones of Wisconsin — enclosing one from the office of Indian Affairs. on the Claims of his wife as a half blood Sioux to a portion of the Annuity —

It is unfortunate for this family that their Claims have not been presented in Life long — when they might have received shares of the sum of 110.000 ¢. set apart by the Sioux in their Treaty of 1837. for the half bloods of their Nation — they might then have gotten at least ¢3,000 — being six in family — this opportunity not having been embraced I see no mode left by which I can serve this large & helpless family —

Over 200 Claimants presented their papers to the Agent for the Commissioners which were acted upon — but Mrs Satouelles name was not hearded in because not made known to the Agent — who would have given the

Same with others of course before the boards for adjudication & proof as in all other cases.——

The Little Chief of Lacquiparle——

— Yellow Feather of Big Stone with several other Chiefs & head men of the bands of Sisseetons — Wahpetons & Yanctons — arrived at the Agency this evening.——

Mr Renville arrived and brought their people with him — much to my annoyance — having no place to receive them — & worse than all nothing in my hands to meet the expectations of these wild sons of the west — and so we go ——

## Tuesday 11th June

For some 20 years that I have been here — it has been more than once noted — the Fact that not a single important move or measure is made or directed at Washington — whether in regard of our Indian Affairs — army or other matter — but it is known to the Am F Cy or some individual in connection with it!

Our Indian Treaties are bandied & mutilated and all individuals not connected with the Company or its interest come off losers or are through the influence of some of its members — prevented from obtaining their just claims —

It has been important for the civil & military here to know — what disposition was to be made of the Reservations around Fort Snelling — next as the funds left at this Post to pay half Breed



Chippeways — & debts of the traders ——— was uncertainty — and the Claimants to both these sums in this section of Country — it has been important to know what to say to the Claimants — Accidentally The Hon Lucius Lyon of the Senate wrote to S H Sibley Esq Agt of the Am F Cy — that He Mr L — has been appointed Commissioner — & will be at Lafourette on the 10th of July to settle & adjust the Chippewa Treaty —

Next — a report that the Sec of War has caused the reservation around Fort Snelling least to be considered as a lease from the Indians — & to be considered as Indian Country —

Nothing at all official to the Agent here or the Commd Officer — but others get enough to suit their own views & forestalle the Officers of Government ——

It is painful to receive these things — because they are but too true. ——

A very considerable number of the Yanctonas Wahpetons — Sisseetons, Wahpekootes and Mdewakanton bands of Sioux at the Office this day — In the absence of Means of the Dep O Purchased 15 lbs of Tobacco of the traders on present agt to give these people as they are destitute —

$7.50 Tob.

M Provencalle a trader of Traverse des Sioux called at the Office this day. — . — . — . —

Oliver Faribault called also at the office for a copy of his Contract as Farmer — for Sioux

Note see Memo

Some Officers — Squatters on public lands — seem very restless and uneasy lest I may be remembered by the Government for a House purchased in 1846 by me for an Office — to carry on the duties of the Agency — none having been ever furnished by the U States —

What a pity it is that some men have such very very small souls — except for these occasions

## Wednesday June 12th 1839

The Little Chief - with 40. of his Bands of Wahpeton Sioux at the Office from Lac qui parle - 40

Wi you hee - with the Sufsetons & Yanctonas of Big Stone Lake - beyond "Lac qui parle" 17

Face of Thunder - with the 5 Lower Bands of Sufsetons - near Red Olives & Lakes - 3

Issued 60. Rats of Pork & flour to them - 60

also for the Walpacotah Sioux

Tah sanga Chief - Sick of small Pox - 80

many other neighboring Indians at the Agency during this day -

Shakopee or the Six Chief of "French Praire" village arrived - his Band of 347. expected

Mr. Gavin Morrow Miss C Stevens of the Lake Harriet Mission at 4 o'clk P.M. this day -

## Thursday 13th

In council this day

Tah sanga — } Chiefs of Wahpacootah
Ah pah hoh tah }

As the substance of the speeches of these Chiefs - touched only - the sickness & small Pox which had been lately among them & yet

I will only record a few short sentences —

My Father - If you see me to day it is to ask your counsel, & assistance - we have been affected it is true - but if there was any thing the matter then with my people I would not now be in your Town —

My Father - we are here in distress - we have nothing we left our villages to you - as in former years - at this time we received our Annuity - but it seems you did not hear

My Father - we are but few now in number as the Sacs & Foxes have killed of every year my people - we left our Corn fields to work for Annuities to defend our Lodges from their dogs who are constantly on our



I hope my Father will not see us all destroyed when I was in Washington our great Father promised if we remained at peace - he would assist us to him

My Father - I close my talk you seem busy - we are in a Starving condition. ——

The Band of Shakopee called & received 525 Sacks of Corn - 25 Bs. Pork 25 Bs. Tobacco -

Ami ga wasiah asked if the President had consented to bestow upon him another Medal in place of the One Stolen from him on board the S.B. Rollo on his passage home from Washington

Medals

Ans. The Comr. refused to give me one either for you or for Tah sanga who lost his large Medal but I will try once more to satisfy you both

Shakopee - One Question My Father - Did the President our great Father say he would fulfill his promise & send the late Delegation

Flags.

the 22 U.S. Flags promised when we left Washington - for our homes in 1837.

Ans. The Sec of War ordered the Flags made long since, & you will get them when they come, and not before. ——

The Good Road Chief asked if a Farmer had been assigned to his Village - we answered replied to in the affirmative - & then it was Peter Quin - He said no no. I want Alexander Faribault to be our Farmer - The Little Crow wanted him - but I have prevented him from going to his village -

I replied - Mr. Faribault has never asked for the place either verbally or officially & it would now be too late as all the Nominations have been made of Farmers & forwarded by Mail -

Mr. Lafromboise Interpreter - The Good Road used offensive language to the Agent - and in reply

The Agent - Stated "I shall use my own discretion in all that concerns their business - & pay no attention to such idle folly as fills his head".

## Thursday June 13th 1839—

Yours. raises 60. to Lac qui parle Scouts
forms of Sioux Band encamp at
above the Agency for the purpose of
hunting Ground Potatoes— Pin-sen-chin-chot
or marsh potatoes.— on which Indians
mainly subsist at this season generally

Paid Provr. for hauling Indians Provisions —6.
The arrivee of the Junction—Sisseton
Wahpacootas, & Wahpeton Sioux at the
Moment is to be lamented—as the Agent
is destitute of Provisions & goods—of any kind
and of course the Indians must suffer—

## Friday 14th June.

Mr James McPike of Mississippi arrived
this morning early with his contract
of 58. head Oxen 28 Cows 19. heifers & 4 Bulls
for the Scouts—in fulfilment in part
of the 6th Clause 2d Art of their Treaty
of the 29. Sept 1837—with the U States—
The Cattle were separated & Herded—& all
carefully counted & inspected—found in
all respects capable to contract & were duly
turned over to the Agent & receipted for
by him—

## Saturday 15th—

The Cattle—Cows. Heifers & Bulls for the
Indians—Agains Counted & distributed
in presence of Capt Scott & Hood also
Mr Doc—Farmer—

I buy 14 Calves & Yearlings of Mr McPike
not in the contract at $3. pr head. $42.
One Horse bought also of Mr McP. for 80
122
Dr Emerson one horse also — 110
Mr Rex also bot of Mr McP. one 125
$357



There made Sales apart Mr McPike on his surplus
Stock much as his public Contract was low.—

## Sunday 16th—

A letter to Gov. Dodge on the half breed Chippewa
Claims—the money—its payment when definitely
to be distributed $010—

A large body of the Mecawakanton 400
Wahpeton— of Lower Rapids 150
do of Lac qui Parle 60
Sisseton Big Stone — 15
do of Traverse des Sioux 49
Wahpacootas . . . 100
Total 784

There present at the Office —
At 9. P.M. a letter received from "Hole in the Day"
a Chippewa Chief— Stating He & his people
would be here in 4 days. to see Gov. Dodge
on the subject of their Treaty— that they would
not go to Lafonnes for their annuity it was
too far. their Children were starving &c
that it was no place for their Squaws &c

Mr Barnes the Agent of the St Croix Lumber
Co. arrived—he saw 3 Soldiers who had
deserted yesterday from this Post—
Mr B. passed the night with me.—

To morrow is the Day to turn over the
Horses, & Cattle to the Indians & Farmers
I find it hard to get an American Farmer
for Black Dog Band— Louis Martin
will no doubt have to be taken—as
many seem ill disposed among our
own Citizens to be Indians Slaves.—

## Monday June 17th – 1839

| | | Oxen | Cows | Horses | Bulls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I B Stevens Rec. | Wabishas – | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Pope | Little Crow | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Denton | Rolling | 8 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Faribault | Lizzie | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Pond do. | Lake Calhoun | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Quinn | Good Road | 8 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Martin | B Dog | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| | Total | 58 | 28 | 19 | 4 |

I wrote for Boyd this morning and sent Express Mr. Macleod with the Chippewa Talks to him —

Letters also forwarded to for. Lucas — To Jas Doms on Lalomble card —

Letter to Mrs Talbot Fond Bedford Pa —

The cattle were placed as above in the hands of the Farmers.

The Horses 19. were distributed among the Chiefs, and head men —

A diversity of Opinions on the rights & proceedings of the Chippewas – the views of individuals & interests seem to sway the judgement of some

I hear and listen to all – knowing my own duties and what is due to the Indians and the vital interest of the government is & shall be my guide, & rule of action in all official decisions and acts = I have no other views & interests than those of a public nature – I am no trader & have no interest in any shape in Indians other than as a public servant

## Tuesday June 18 1839

S Bonga – hands as Express – to take a letter to "Stole in the Day" Chief of Chippewas now at Elk River, or Swan –

Explanatory of things here – and directing him to hold State where he is and not to come here. —

The men of Shakespeare Band dance this day at the Office at the Fort & other places –

Annogenasiah publickly – in the Dance throws up & put his foot on his war club – Saying "I strike my Enemies – in Lances – but at this Post or about our Fathers House – I wrongs do no wrong – let us ale adhere to this". —

Joseph Mopee – brings the decision of Mr Pierrot & others – that a Lance wounds had been seen in his ox – which the Cattle have proved a few days past in sight of my House. —

## Wednesday 19 –

A note by Mr Hotton to Mr B. F. Baker to borrow 3 Keg Powder 150 Lead 1 Key of Tobacco in order to start the upper Sioux home – consisting of the Wahpeton – Sisseton & a few Yanktonas — back to Big Stone & Lac qui parle. —

I have received no Presents, & there being no Provisions, and the Indians Starving – I am thus compelled to ask favours in order to carry on friendly intercourse

I obtained the 3 Kg Powder & 2 Boxes back of P Pierrot

" " 1 Key of Tobacco – offered for to A St Sibley Esq

The Little Cat Fish – and the two other Chippewas who came out at the Little Crows village the evening before the last – were sent back by the Sioux to the St Croix – least they might be injured here by some one of the remote Sisseton or Yankton &c

## Thursday 20th June 1839

500 - five hundred Chippewas under the Chief "Hole in the Day" - arrived this day. He was below Rum River when he got my message - to return He met I Folstoons above Crow River if he had gotten my message then he would have remained - but he asks to stay but 3 days when he later return

Desires my Steven to say - that he hoped I would keep the Sioux from interfering with him - it was all he asked & he would be quiet in turn

Council with all the Sioux of the Several tribes present as to their feelings towards the Chippewas - the assurance was we will as then no harm as they come only to stay 3 days

The Comd Officer & the Agent will meet the Chippewas in Council on Tomorrow

## Friday 21. June

The Chippewas called a Council at 11 Oclk meet under a Canopy at or near the walls of the Fort - some 150 Sioux present -

1 Little Six - Opened with remarks on the present visit, and views of the Chief & Braves men on the fact of payment of their claims under the Treaty of July 29. 1837 -

2 Hole in the Day rose - holding the Treaty in his hand addressing Mr Plympton & the Agent He stated succinctly the understanding of himself & people as to the receipt of payment under their Treaty & concluded by saying that he would never go to Lafoulle

The Rats Liver - next rose & insisted on the fulfilment of the Treaty as was understood by all the Chiefs and head men - it was out of all reason for



the President to ask such a thing - he wished he could see the man with the big Feather (Gov Dodge) he would tell him his mind & what was promised by him as to their payments -

The Frenchman - next Said - "I am not of these people my lands are beyond them - I was not at the payment on the St Croix last fall but I follow these people they are my friends and I insist on being paid at Lafoulle we cannot we will not go to that place -

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Buffalo - Said My Father you & the Great Officers Open your Ears to what I say & listen well for you are going to know my mind - we told our land - & you wanted to pay us at Lafoulle - my nation then told no lands - but that our people & our poor half breeds must go there - we cannot go you see your own women & little Children here near as this day - you wish to keep these Children for hostages - to do us - we love our Children & wish not to see them starved - it is well known that we cannot go to Lafoulle we should starve on the way - I tell you this day if we sold our lands we have it yet - & we will never go to Lafoulle -

Naypowahes - said - I seldom speak - I said not a word at the Treaty - I signed it after others - I understand full well all that was said and done - and wish to hold to it - But if we sold our lands I would like to see who it is that claims it before it is paid for - I say - I would like to see the man who bought our land - and would take it - by offering us payment at Lafoulle - we are all of one opinion we will never go there -

40. Canoes more of Chippewas arrived this day & more expected —
750 Chippewas in all this day ———
870 Sioux also at the Agency. ———
1620. Total of both Sioux & Chippewas — The Sioux Little Crows Band vs Shakopee 80 aside play Ball on Lands End Praw. all the Ladies & Gentlemen of the Post rides out 1½ miles to witness the play —

Moresquah Wahzahs, & a part of his people arrived from Lake Pepin a written message filed from the Chief Wahsootaa. answered. —

The Council over with the Chippewas the Comd. Officer & the Agent consulted on the views & feelings of these people 550 rations given & the Agent leaves 250. bushels Corn — 2. Keg Powder — 100 lbs Lead — Tobacco — and the Chief & his people agree to leave on the 28. inst. —

Stevens Bonga employed on the 15 inst to go to the Chippewas — He is a half breed Nephew of the Nations, and interprets the language but is not a good hand at the English tho a smart man his English is real African dialect — & hard to connect so as to make Sense. —

My Special Message to the Chief "Hole in the Day" seems to have had its desired effect & his people will return as directed

The Chief & his people return to the waters of the Upper Mississippi & remain for definite news from Gov. Dodge as to their Annuity & other business &c &c ———



Saturday June 22d 1839 —

Cheonoquet — or the Great Cloud Esq —
This man of the Pillagers — whom Father I found a large Medal in 1823 — was a great warrior & murderer — tho I ever found him ready to listen and obey me implicitly. —

40. Pillagers arrived, and a number more expected this day. — trouble on trouble with Indians at war with the Sioux — No Agent recognized

Cheonoquette & Son — left an Adam Medal large size & kept the large Monroe Medal given by me 1823 —

Fond du Lac in 1826 — 50 or 60 Medals were given out by Tom. L. McKenney & Gov Cass Commrs. by advice of H. R. Schoolcraft Agent — when Boys got Medals — dirty fellows noticed, and the first Medals brought into disrepute — I now take them in every case of a duplicate number in the hands of any one indiscriminately It is a duty I owe my government —

"Hole in the Day" sends back the papers which he was to get Provisions & ammunition upon for his return — or to proceed on to Lapointe —

I said in my private talks with the Chippewas that as the government had sent their Annuity to Lapointe & ordered them paid there this year "they ought to go, and receive it — & then say to the Agent, & Commissioner — all they have to say on the subject of a more convenient point in future to be paid —

The Chiefs say — we are 2800 — we cannot sustain our families for two days, & it would take us 13 days to go — we thousands Slaves & have many of our little Children by the way — And even if we could go. it would require all our provisions & more to bring us back again to our homes on the Mississippi —

The foregoing reasons in connection with - what they insist upon that Gov. Doty promised them - as to when and when they should be paid - convenient for them all - is the cause of their unanimous determination not to go to Lapointe even should they wish their pay in lieu - The Comg Officer Maj Plympton has said all he could to induce the Indians to go on to the place of payment - Mr. Aitkens proffers them 12 days provisions - I proffer them Ammunition & Corn - but all seems to no effect

## Sunday June 23d - 1839.

The remarks of Officers on Scouts & Chippewa affairs should (as high minded men) be divested of any, and every bias of opinion & judgment - It too often happens that inferences opinions, & conclusions thus hastily drawn, or expressed - are wrong - do no good - create unnecessary feeling and often injurious to the public service -

So far as there may be intended to cast reflection upon the officers entrusted with the peace & good order, & tranquility of the Country - opinions ought to be privately, & not publicly pronounced - in presence of every disciple of hearers - For one however I may be misrepresented - either by accident - the designing or malicious tongue of unwary persons - all will not cause me to swerve from what is or may be due to the public interests - my own consistent course - long laid down - & followed in my intercourse with the tribes of the N. West - & fully approved and fully sustained by the government -

So. "Small fry" go on, and flounder - So far as the Chippewa present visit is concerned I have neither part nor lot in it - nor cared I have - whether attempted to be forced upon me or not by men who meddle with all business but their own



Mr. Anderson called this morning to explain some language attributed to him - He remarked -

"I with others it is true did say - that the Indians ought not to give up the Calves - & also told Martin as to the Horses - that he had better turn them over to the Indians - if he had taken one more than was intended - & let the Indians settle it with the Agent - & save himself from trouble &c

As to the Calves I knew nothing & perhaps ought to have said nothing - As to Martin I did not wish the Indians to blame him as to the Horses -

The Agent said - I understood Martin drew off 3 instead of 2 horses - one of which belonged to the Red Wings or Wabashas Band - & wrote a note for him to deliver the amount to Mr Stevens - which he failed to do - As to the Calves - it was wrong for him Mr A - to say a word - the Calves did not come in the contract - & were transferred by Mr. McPike to the Agent in a regular written form & paid for - such frivolous expressions of opinion did no good and were calculated to do harm -

I should dismiss Martin from the service if the horse was not forth coming -

Enquired of the Chief Makzahbotah - this evening as to his understanding of the matter - He replied - I knew that we came to receive two horses only One mare & one horse - the same as the Lake Calhoun Band. -

I also spoke to Sam Campbell Jr. as to Millords claim on the Lake Pepin Scene for one Colt stolen or said to be - in presence of Lawrence Mr Pallenger & Campbell Sen. He said Millord has no claim whatever. I paid him more than the horse was worth It ought to be one & not him to claim

Some 14 Canoes. say 110 Chippewas from the Crow wing River arrived - announced by Yollies from many fires - & formed three Bands now Encamped opposite the Fort East of the Mississippi -

The Sioux dance at the Chippewa Encampment in the evening Run foot races —

One Sioux after beating 5 Chippewas in Succession - was finally beaten by the 6th —

Thus far no difficulty has occurred —

A Sioux woman - who once married a Chippewa Prisoner to the Sioux - called upon me to obtain her Son - whom the had given to her husbands Brother 2 years since & had become much attached to the Chippewas

I advised her as the Chiefs & head men of the Sioux & her own relations seemed disposed to give the Boy up - that she ought to let him stay now where he was best satisfied

She seemed more reconciled - having several other Children to support —

846 Chippewas now at this Post & 1250 Sioux

Thus my hands full —

The Chief - "Strong Ground" a Chippewa - in racing on horse back was thrown & so much hurt as to render professional bleeding requisite —

Dod Emerson of the Fort - was called in —

The Chief "Hole in the Day" requests ~~the Agent at~~ Agent at Peters - that when he sends a large Talk to him - to know the truth he wishes 3 other Duplicate papers sent with it with the usual Signatures of the Officers Sig that he may send them by runners in different directions - when the truth of the Talk might be more rapidly communicated & save the Agent Runners & messengers any expense

(Request of "Hole in the Day")



Some mischievous Indian - Struck his War Club on my horses nose - & made a pretty deep incision above the left nostril = In the 20. years - at this Post this is but the 2d accident to any Stock of mine -

Except the Stealing of two horses ——— 180
two Cows ——— 60
24 pigs & hogs ——— 175
This includes all damages on Stocks — $415
Burning of Council House 1830 ——— 856
Amt of damages from Indians $1271

I am aware that but $50 worth of damage would have sustained had the Indians have know the property from that of others - Echah Ka Koo a chief Indian burnt the Council house. —

## Monday June 24th 1839

11. Eleven Canoes Crow of the Pillager Chippewas arrived this day forenoon from Leech Lake 54 souls - this increases the whole number to

900 men women & Children. — " — " — " —

The Chippewa Chiefs ask another Council of the Comey Officer = 900 Chippewa
856 Sioux & Sattering
Total 1756 Souls of both tribes present at this Agency this day. —

I was sent for by Maj Plympton at the request of the Chippewas to be present at their Council - & as soon as I had despatched finishing Licenses to the following persons

Viz To Louis Provencalle Senr. to trade at "Travers des Sioux"
" Joseph Renville Senr do at "Lac qui Parle"
" Francis Frenier - do at La Belle Pelle" - Red River

and Sworn - A. Bailly - Jos R Brown to certain affects against the Chippewa Nation - when I called at the Fort - & heard the Chiefs utterance their sentiments - on the subject of the Payment of their Annuity at "Saporte" & utter refusal to go to Saporte - as in fact they could not

from the fact of want of Provisions - Means of transportation
&c &c — Many letter Children to have first
they could Rise nothing on the way - & bring back
nothing of consequence of their Annuity hence
&c &c - -
When the Council was about to Close the
Chiefs Stated that it was their wish to go
on to Washington & if any man would
oppose them they would Start at once —
"Hole in the Day" then in Conclusion Said —
I was promised by Gov Dodge to go on to
the City after the treaty of 1837. & again last
fall. Mr. Vesey and said it was too late
then but that this Spring I should surely
go with Several head men. —
Now. I repeat my earnest desire to go this Fall &
see the President - & it is expected that our
old friends May Take pains with Congress
us - with Mr Dean as our Interpreter
This he desired might be immediately made
known to the President —
I was also called upon to take a Sioux Boy
from the Chippewas - who had been given
2 years since by the Sioux Mother to the
Chippewa Uncle - It was hard parting
the Boy & the Uncle - but fearing a
rupture I caused it to be done —
I also. Sent for a Horse which by accident
had been taken by Martin for the
Black Dogs village - & which had been
Assigned to Red Wings Band —
The Chief made considerable difficulty
Martin behaved foolishly, and the
Indians put up to Keeping the Horse
So I am put to unnecessary trouble in
obtaining his return to me - but have him I will.



# Tuesday June 25th 1839

The Steam Boat Knickerbocker arrived at St Peters
5 O'clk this morning - with goods for B T Baker
Post Sutler - & many passengers - male & female
Mr. Dillon & Doct Christian from Bedford Pa —
Incap Wilson & family with Several other families
Mr McLeod Express to Gov Dodge on the 17. returned this day -
with two letters from Gov Dodge in reply to my
Several letters — . — Counseled the Chiefs severally
accordingly — S B K - left this day again -
Letters Sent to Gov. Dodge & Maj Pitchey —
Receipts for Provisions enclosed —
request Mr. St McKenzie who goes to Stevens

## Wednesday 26.

S B Anne arrived this day - from St Louis
with Stores for B B Tibby & a few
Carts - Wagons, Ploughs &c for the Sioux
Letter to Gov Lucas - on the Subject of funds
for this Agency & Annuities due. —
Letter to Gov. Dodge - enclosing wishes of Certain
Chippewa Chiefs to visit - Washington City -
this fall — Receipted to Cholmes &c
for the Agricultural implements in
part furnished

Receipt.

## Thursday 27th

12. Bs flour 12 bag Corn 2 Bls Pork —
put on the Aine - half for Wabashas Band - &
half for Red Wings Band Sioux at Lake Pepin
B. Crater - requested to attend to it, & pay any charges -
which are to be paid by the Indians - the Agent
becoming responsible for its fulfilment —
Wabashas Band are suffering for food which induces
me to try & relieve them -
The Sioux & Chippewas assembled in Council
by mutual consent - and talk together
for some hours - The Sioux answer

our tomorrow — thus far no show feelings of hostility — evinced. —

Mr. Sinclair — of North Red River of Hudsons Bay arrived at the Agency this day by way of Lac qui parle — where he left 40 or 50 carts with Scotch & other Emigrants from the British Colony — entering the Territories of the United States to find homes for themselves and families —

Mr. Brooke a letter from him saying he had sent me a bundle of Indian articles by Mr. S — S. B. Aug left this morning —

## Friday 28th June 1859 —

A. Mr. Libbey left a bad name behind him on the St. Croix and his visit recently to this Post in the Aug. has not improved it — this man sold a Barrel of 36 gallons of whisky to P. Campbell my Interpreter — & 36 gallons more to Ar. Leclerc near the Trading House west on the Mississippi & in the Indian Country — & what is as mean brought two pair of Blankets by request of Maj Plympton for $26.00 — $13. a pair — which were found for nothing being are but one dirty, & both coarse. —

A most dirty trick played by him or on him by the Sales man in the Fur Coy Store at St Louis

" Chippewas, & Sioux drunk last night, & this morning — a few of them — as they came about the Agency Interpreters house. I have some reason to think Mr. Campbell somewhat culpable — tho the Steam Boat left Leguer yesterday & the night before with many. —

I found a Barrel of whisky in the Interpreters possession this morning & took possession of it & put it under lock from him it had not been touched.



The Chippewas met the Sioux in Council again at the Agency this morning — when much Counciling took place between them the Pipe of peace went round & after 4 hours in Conclave the Council broke up — both parties promising to abstain for one year from war — & larger of peacemakers —

The Indians returned the Horse belonging to Lower Sioux

## Saturday 29.

Yesterday a large Sioux horse which had been assigned to Wabishaws Band of Sioux — & stolen in possession of Black Dogs Band by mistake, was passed again into the hands of the Agent — upon his demand — to the Chief for the Sioux. — The Chief however was unable or unwilling to correct the error — but I sent for the Black Dogs who at once delivered the one [illegible] to Louis Cloutier the Farmer —

3 men said to arrive from Laposte — which states the Chippewas who had broken up their Camp for a return to their homes. — I have had at 9. P.M. no information of the persons said to have arrived.

Thermometer 110° Fahr

## Sunday 30th June —

"Hole in the Day" called at the Office to say he was put off with his proper home. —

"That Mr. Kittens had bleath guarded him and spoke disrespectfully of me to —

I told him not to mind such a fellow — words were nothing proceeding from such a Coward.

"The Chippewas of the Mississippi — would receive their pay this year at "Fon du Lac"

Jacob Falstow reports the loss of a Steer killed by Indians — near "Blk Dogs" village — brought the fresh bones to show me —

James Thompson reports Leclerc as having whisky in this Country — & A. Faribault for paying or selling it to Indians. —

Them

100. Sioux

St Peters Agency Monday July 1st 1839 —

Mr Campbell Knocked at my door before day light this morning — I opened the front Entrance, & found 10 or 12 of the Sioux Village — viz

Hahkkaopachee — among the number — who said a number of their people had gone off to the Falls to attack the Chippewas & their party was on the way but had called to get my Opinion

My Opinion was Short & Explicit — "You are a pack of fools — you Smoke the Pipe of Peace yesterday & this morning seek blood — no wonder the Chippewas say they can have no confidence in you" —

The Comdg Officer reported to & Lt McPhail & 3 Soldiers asked for to Leach for whisky at Michael Cadotte & A Farbaults reported to be there —

Lieut McPhail visited Mr Cadotte found but found nothing to corroborate the possession of Liquor —

The Agent with his party visited Lacloches & found 1 Bl 36 gallons on the Indian side of the River & Knocked in the Heads of the Barrels & destroyed it —

The Sioux & Chippewas finally smoked & left the Falls without coming to difficulty — the Chippewas proceed up the River —

Bishop Lamas applies for permission to erect a small Church near the Agency for Catholic worship —

Lamas

I refer him to the Comdg officer —

Laughlin

Showed the Agent discharge his clerks — he is found fault with —

Showed the Agent neglect any longer duty he is found fault with on this Post — to go to — to go to —



Them

110. Sioux

Tuesday July 2d = 1839 —

The Chippewas are all off — 890. Souls —

Letter sent to D. P. Bushnell Agent at Lapointe. on the course of the Swan River Lake & Sandy Lake Chippewas refused to go to Lapointe for their annuity — but might for this year receive payment at Fond du Lac

Martin Macleod — goes on with full powers of Attorney for Mr Baker, & others to settle for half breed Claims Debts of Traders &c. —

The Chippewas — supposed to be four of the Pillager bands of Leech Lake — left the Main body & proceed over to Lake Harriet & near the Sioux Village at a few Minutes after Sun rise Shot & Scalped Neck Hace — alias Badger — a most worthy & much esteemed Sioux Indian — So busy must the Chippewas have been in looking for his Scalp that they entirely overlooked Mr Cooper's Cows — Young Sioux who was in company working for a horse — the Boy gave the alarm —

The Revd D & Stevens came in from the Lake to give the Agent the information —

This unfortunate affair after 800 Chippewas having been the guests of the Sioux for Several days past — has caused so much excitement that near 150 Sioux Warriors pushed off in pursuit of the flying Chippewas — cannot we may not be surprised to hear news of a Serious & bloody Conflict as both parties are nearly equal — Chippewas having the advantage —

I regret that the Wahpacoota Sioux & Little Crows Bands went in pursuit of another party of Chippewas who are hopping up Lake St Croix with Female White persons bound to Lapointe L Superior & who left this Post only yesterday morning —

Mr. Campbell the Interpreter sent to Lake Calhoun - to look into the State of Affairs there - He returned at night fall - with Jean Lamont - whose Mother had followed the Chippewas who murdered her husband - Jean a half breed aged Step Daughter of Neekkaw -

The old Chief at the fearing the persecution of lurking Chippewas - there being no Men left - & many Women & Children unprotected - requested the Interpreter to ask me & the Comdg Officer to send a few men from the Fort to protect them in case of need - Maj Plympton sent a small detachment under Serjt Mason - accordingly. ——

## Wednesday July 3 - 1839

This seems to have been a momentous day - on Indian concerns —

A Runner - from a party of 100 Sioux of Little Crows band who left for the St Croix to attack the Chippewas there - had an action - reported thus 250 Chippewas Killed & Scalps taken - only -

Sioux 5 Killed & 7. wounded - particulars perhaps on tomorrow, & more certain information —

No news up to 9. P.M. this night as to the 280 Sioux who went in pursuit of the Chippewas on the Upper Mississippi above the Falls of St Anthony

news - may reach me at an early hour on tomorrow -

Proper Change as the wind - but my course is onwards - some are anxious to bring or cast censure upon the Agent - because the Chippewas came to this Post on their own business in despite of warnings not to do so by the Agent -



## Thursday July 4th 1839 —

Sew Canoes of wounded Sioux came down from the Falls of St Anthony

The Report of the Action near Rum River Reached us on yesterday morning the 8th inst

| | Killed | Wounded |
|---|---|---|
| Sioux | 7 | 18 |
| Chippewas | 105 | 00 not known |

Battle on the St Croix 8th do.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sioux | Killed 3 | wounded 8 = |
| Chippewas | 23 - supposed. | 00 - not known |

| | Total Sioux Killed | Wounded |
|---|---|---|
| Both actions | 10. | 26 |

Total Chippewas Killed 124 souls.

Reported officially the above rencontres to the Govr of Wisconsin Gov Lucas - Mr Lebby left a few minutes before my letters reached his hand - I am disappointed —

Lieut McPhail applies for the Interpreter & Campbell to go to the Battle ground - I consent - should Mr C - be willing to go. Mr Quinn decides not to go in any event - for certain reasons Mr Campbell declines accompanying the Officers also - the feelings of the Sioux being considered policy would dictate to them a prudential course - in relation to such a matter —

Mr Bruce came over from the St Croix & brings intelligence of a lamentable State of things there since the action of yesterday morning - Mr Aitken & Francis Brunet, & a Frenchman were wounded Mr A's tent - a linen One was shot to pieces - 10 or 20 Chiefs wounded

Mr Aitkens declined writing to the Agent - but damnnec him the Agent - his Interpreter & the Sioux - the Chippewas there begged of Bruce to come over to the Fort and let the Comdg Officer & Agent know of their situation and solicit some relief -

On learning the situation of things I sent off an Express to the Chief Big Thunder — that I wanted him forthwith and by 10 o'clk. A.M. tomorrow — I also wrote to learn if any of his people are still in quest of the defeated Chippewas — if so to recall them forthwith — I will send Mr Quin over with Bread to the River —

To see the Chippewas & learn from Mr. Aitkens why he did not write — if he needed assistance & &c —

## Friday July 5th 1839 —

The Comdg Officer — sending a detachment of men under Lieut McPhail — I directed Peter Quin who speaks Lenni & Chippewas to accompany the expedition — in quest of the Battlground on the River — to see the Chippewas & to succor the wounded &c

The troops are in quest of deserters also —

To see if Mr. Aitkens was wounded &c &c

The Big Thunder Chief — came at my request this morning & reports

My Father — when the news of the murder of Bealey reached me I was absent — I went to my village & found all my people fled to the Shawn — If I had been at home I would have stopped them — but it was too late — so I followed on to see that no injury was done to the white people None was done — So I lost many more men that I should have done so not to injure them — we might have killed every soul of the Chippewas — had there been no white people along —

I am sorry the thing occurred — when it did



& if I had been known of my people would have form of the Nipissingi with the others — the news of the death of our friend by the Chippewas — came so suddenly that nothing could stop our people —

I said to the Chiefs as follows.

My friends — I sent for you to know if any of your people were yet on the Shawn & if so to send for them forthwith — and also to know if it be true that your Cattle have been killed —

Ans. None of my bands are absent — none of my people intend to go off this morning to see the friends and to bury our dead but I stopped them. —

Again Again

This killing of Nekkaw has brought heavy consequences — no matter what happened your people ought not to have gone to attack the Chippewas on the Shawn with our own people in company — the lands is sacred and this thing may yet prove as troublo

The loss of the Nip is as bad for our thing 101. Lives killed for the loss of 1. man and destroying to thinks — mostly women & Children.

My friends — this thing was so sudden upon us that you were off before I could get your Ears — it might have been stopping — but as things stand — now be still you have done bad enough — they do better in future be still again I repeat it — but keep your eyes open for your Enemies — for they will surely retaliate sooner or later. —

The Lake Calhoun Chief — said "When our friends Nekkaw was killed — & our people saw it — & looked a moment on his bleeding body — their feelings could not be stopped. The young men left at once

We sent Mr Shawn to the Fort to give you the News

unde you & your friend the Chief of the Soldiers for
Assistance - in the Matter - Your counsel
we wanted as to what we thought we do but
our people being so excited they all left
before they could hear - we think if you
had said Stop - they would then have
done as they did - we are sorry for what
has happened but we did not begin it -
we had smoked - eat & made peace together but
the day before as you well know. we
did this that we might be at peace and
hunt quietly on our lands - but it was
all spoiled by the bad conduct of the
Pillager Chief-Penas. ——

Got 450. 180 - $630 to pay of Doctors
Saunders & Oliver Rescues Treaty
Monies - G. Monitry pay each - no
funds remitted by the Dept for this year
Most all the hands men of the Agency have not
been paid for 3 Quarters & may not be
for one year — at the rate things
are progressing at this hand ——

## Saturday July 6th 1839

The "Good Road" Chief of the 7 mile Creek
called at the office for a Coffin for
one of his premeffers men ——
referred him to the County Office for
permission to have one made by one
of the Soldiers. ——

Council of the Head men at the Agency this day
Maj Plympton Comdg present ——

The Chiefs - Shabopee Said
My Father - we call to present you
this pipe, and whatever you say we
shall do - we but your sentiments
and Counsel & Uniform are prepared



to do as you may direct us this day —

My Father - what has happened you know and
it was not our fault - we have been too
not to spill Blood on this piece of land
around your Fort - we have made up
our minds as you know to respect this land

My Father the Chiefs peoples came here & after
making peace began fire door. They
killed one of our people on your land
which insulted you as well as us. & it
was for this we avenged the blood shed

My Father - No white man pushed us to the
deeds we have done - it was our own
free will & nothing could have stopped
us - we thought of the many insults offered
our people - & the murder in Cold blood
of 3 Lodges of our women & Children last
year by the Sioux in the Day. -

My Father I am sorry for the killing of so many
helpless women & Children - but as things
were it could not be helped. ——

The Good Road Chief Said -
My Father I use to say but a few words or two
I perceive your feelings & well as my Brother
here the Chief of the Soldiers / Maj Plympton
seems hurt at what has happened - I
feel it also my heart is with you
The killing of so many helpless Children
& women is cause of sorrow to us
by us as well as yourselves —

The Army has been down - & I trust you will
both send to the President our Father
a correct account - that he may
know the truth - for much will be
said by others who dont know all the
facts - & the Ear of the President may
be abused to our disadvantage —

we will recollect his words. He said return back to your people and keep the peace with all nations — go to war against none — but if struck upon by your enemies then you may revenge it — we have been struck upon & we have revenged it — we will now be still —

We were not the first to begin — let this be told —

St Peters — Sunday July 7. 1839

Mr. Bardo arrived from Red River with a large quantity of "Pemmican" (this consists of dried Buffalo meat beat up fine & mixed with the fat & marrow of the bones of that animal) a nutricious food for voyageurs traders & residents — Two young ladies — Misses —

The N West Company use it almost entirely for their people men at their trading posts —

Mr Sinclairs Cattle arrived also from Pembina on Red River from 150 head in two droves —

Monday July 8. 1839

Lieut McPhail returned this day from the Battle ground on the 5th inst — He reports from 35 to 40 Chippewas killed — He saw but one Sioux body — among the Chippewas —

He did not enter the Ravines where the conflict was thought the most sanguinary between the combatants — He did not from exposing himself from concealment permit his men to enter — The 35 or 40 Chippewas killed were exclusive of those destroyed in their canoes not less than 50 could have been killed

Sioux They lost 3 killed on the field & 8 wounded yet Capt Scott & Lieut McPhail say the Sioux were beaten & flew from the field &



were heard crying for fear their wounded would be taken from them on their retreat —

Capt Scott says also that no doubt but that when we hear from the Rum River affair correctly — that the Sioux this day killed 101. men women & children Will they be hailed badly or cowardly in the matter —

I am gratified to observe that those friendly to the Sioux & who in fact care but little about the Indians rather Sided on the occasion to be —

But the Chippewa advocates of the army seem almost outrageous at the result of the conflicts between the two tribes — calling the Sioux cowards dogs & many other hard names — Capt S. even in his zeal for his friends must never enter the Sioux Camps & abuse the Chiefs — Jerk the Scalps from their heads in the dance, and tell them how hard his heart was

Also trying to force the native Interpreter to render his views — improper as they were to the Black Hawk a chief — Such as did he not think it wrong while the Military were watching & defending his women & children — "that his people should murder the women & children of the Chippewas &c" — Note I record these facts now as they may some day have to be referred to —

The Bishop Lauras — & his Priest — leave tomorrow for Sabrecqui — I gave my Reports of the Chippewa & Sioux difficulties to him for

Governor Lucas — Letters — Three by him —

Viz. 1. Relative to transfer of Wabishaw Band to this Agency — propriety of & Location

2. Report of Killed & wounded of the Sioux & Chippewas in two actions —

3. Report &c. explanatory with sentiments of the Chiefs — for the eye of the President —

Weather hot

## Tuesday July 9th 1839

River Miss. & St Peters: falling Rapidly — no prospect of a Steam Boat with Annuities for this year — No pay for the hired men of the Agency — Dated the 30th of Sept 1838. —

If it be intended by the Office of Indian Affairs that I am to depend Solely on my own resources (private) to carry on the general concerns of this Agency as has been the case often in times past — it is high time for me to know this fact officially

As I may have an opportunity of leaving Service and the last dollar be spent in propping up the Government here in the estimation of the Indians — I am too poor to go much further — My zeal in promoting the welfare of the Indians & the interest of the Government has reduced my private means too low to be of much service hereafter — unsustained as I have been by the Dept for years past — it may be wondered how I have succeeded at all in the discharge of the various duties of the Agency here — Time has rolled on them for 20 years

Records are plain, & whether in this office or in the files in Washington my remarks are true

Mail arrived — this evening the first for some weeks —

Letter from Comr. Indian Affairs on A Bronson Statements to the Dept his mission

Letters 3 & enclosures from Gov Lucas Iowa — Vaccine Matter for the Indians enclosed



## Wednesday July 10th 1839.

Letter to Comm. Indian Affairs relative to A Bronson Encloses a Copy of my letter of the 14th May to the Comr. also. in reply to a Bronson letter to this Office. —

Maj Plympton called at the Agency — & States his having received a Copy of my Letter to the Sec of War from the Comr. of Ind Affairs relative to Pikes Islands — which have been improperly assigned to Pelagie Faribault Thro the Agency of L. C. Flambeau —

We are to investigate this matter further per the information of the Dept — as a report on the Senate & House of Representatives has been perpetrated on this matter —

Mr. Holton & Mr. Sharp returned from the Mission at "Little Crow" Mr Pope the Farmer leaves — & Mr Holton takes his place as Farmer for the Indians. —

Shush Kah nah — a Sub Chief of the Wah-pa-koo-tas dies of wounds received in the Battle of Sioux — Leaves his Medals Pike &c in the hands of Mahzah kah Tah — to be disposed of —

I name the Son of the late Chief Marcpee to succeed him

## Thursday July 11th

Letter to Maj Plympton on the claim of Mrs Pelagie Faribault to Pikes Islands —

A copy also furnished of my letter to the Hon J C Calhoun dated June 30 1831 — on the Same Subject

Sent for the Heads men of Little Crows Band to Question them on the Subject of the Islands — & how they understood it —

Mr. S. N. Dillon - authorised by B F Baker to — commence basing in the Sutters Store on an interest in the Concerns. — at Fort Snelling. —

Mr. J. D. Stevens leaves for Wabasha village I give him written instructions to vaccinate the Indians of the two lower Bands of Sioux. —

He goes below - as Farmer for Sioux —

## Friday July 12 1839

The Grand Soldier - Nasiampaco & a few of the head men of Little Crows village arrived at the Office this afternoon - & were met by Maj Plympton & myself -

The Object was to learn if they had any knowledge of the existence of a certain Island near the Entry of the Platte to Mr Faribault in 1820 in presence of Col Leavenworth —

& Further if Col Leavenworth had gotten any other lands from them in the same year - & if they had received any goods - or other compensation for the grants said to have been obtained —

The Grand Soldier - replied - we signed a paper giving a piece of land to Duncan Campbell where the Fox Clay houses are beginning at the Small Creek & going down to the Bluff below the Island to where Leclerc lives - & we gave to Mr Faribault a piece of land below the Island on the East



Side of the River - but the Island was never given away until 1837 at Washington to our great Father —

Hi Bald Hair - Since as you are on the subject I will tell you all I know. —

A paper was signed at the house of Col L at Camp Cold Water in 1820 summer He said he wanted wood for his men that the Island near the Fort would be soon cut off & he wanted more Room for his men - He wanted a large piece of land on which to cut wood. He told us if we would consent to this before Col Snelling came up - he would warrant that hereafter we should never suffer & that as long as he had a mouthful to Eat we should have a share of it with him &c —

We signed the paper - not to give any land but to give the wood he asked for - We never gave any and the Island this is well known. —

I recorded the substance of the remarks of the head men and handed the paper to Maj Plympton as a reference —

1. Letter to Gov Lucas in reply to letters on the subject of vaccination of the Indians — also on the subject of Grand Stones not being able to induce the Sacs & Foxes to give up the Wabpanakoota Sioux woman a prisoner with them —

2. Relation to pay of head men &c.

— 1839 —

## St Peters Agency Saturday July 13th

Nothing of importance happened during all this day. more than that some busy body has put it in the minds of the Indians that the President will direct a number of to be given up for their late actions with the Chippewas — It seems strange that there should be persons of common sense who would be so mischievous as to create such uncalled for excitement

A fair holds on some fellow as an example would be of benefit to the public sense

Mr Randolph from Lake Pepin has been obliged to abandon his route up to Elk River Mission in the Chippewa Country. — This I regret as I felt earnestly disposed to render assistance to the Chippewas lately exposed with the Sioux —

Copies of my Reports — with letters to His Excellency Gov. Dodge on the recent difficulty with the Sioux & Chippewas of his superintendency forwarded

## Sunday 14th 1839 —

The Head men of several villages called at the Office this day — feeling as the said some uneasiness at what had fallen from Capt Scott a few days past in his zeal for the Chippewas — His appearance at their Camps — begging upon their Scalps his gestures &c &c they construed into hostility on the part of the U States —

They are under the impression that the President will be induced to give them over to the Chippewas — "I told them to go home — that when there should be occasion for them



I would give notice — but until then — they were to attend to no one & listen to no flying reports — they were accountable to me and I was accountable to the President —

I also directed the Chiefs & Head men to see that their women attended to their corn — that if the Chippewas should attack them at any time it would not be until the fall — or winter, & may be not until the opening of Spring — but attacked they would be sooner or later on that fact they might rely — therefore to be forehanded was busy at all times —

The Comg Officer, & myself had some considerable talk on the affairs of the Indians there that of the forever nature &c &c —

Maj Plympton & myself have for 25 years served to pitter & understand what it is to cooperate to pitter for the best interests of all in connection with general affairs

## Monday 15 July.

I this day wrote my resignation, and shall forward it on tomorrow by mail through His Excellency Governor Lucas to the Department at Washington

Estimates Extra forwarded for funds for this Agency to close the year with Sept 30 - 1839 —

Letter to Mess Talliaferro — informing the fact of the resignation of my appointment of Agent for Indian Affairs after nearly 21 years spent with the Sioux on the 24th of my public service closed for the 31st day of December 1839. will leave this Post as soon as my official concerns will admit

All the head men of the villages at this office their Cattle again Spoken of and that they wanted to have the entire control of them - meaning of course to kill & eat & do without farmers &c

I replied in the most positive terms as to their request that in no event should it be granted, & that if they killed their work Cattle - they should not have another horse

That the Indians had no reason or ideas of the value of property - hence cannot their lands be ploughed or cross turned for their benefit - their farmers would be left idle & as Indians were too lazy to work - I was determined to take my own course with both their Farmers & Cattle & agricultural implements &c for them the best I could -

And finally if they wanted their cattle they must call to me this day next year & I would then reply -

The Late Calhoun Band of Sioux Exchange by authority One Grey Mare per 3 Heads of Cattle with the Red River people

The Indians as often noticed before are a people who only look for to day - tomorrow provides for itself - but in this idea much real want & misery is often experienced & felt -

They require a determined man who will force food upon them & prepare the way for future ease & plenty -



# Tuesday 16th July 1839

Note. J. N. Poinsette. a letter to him as Sec of War stating my Resignation of the Agency at St Peters - with a request that it should take effect on the 31. day of December 1839.

The weather has been so exceedingly hot for the last ten days that the grass on the Prairies is completely burnt white - & the Rivers Mississippi and St Peters have fallen very low indeed

Steam Boats cannot reach as early this season

Farmer left -

The Revd Thomas W Pope - left the Mississippi of "Little Crow" with his family this day for Ohio. Revd John Hatton succeeds him in the discharge of the farming dept for the Sioux at that place -

The Revd J. D. Stevens arrived from "Wabashaw" Band of Lower Sioux. & reports the killing of one of their work cattle by Red Wings Band. -

Fixed upon "Lands End" 3 miles from the Fort for the Treaty house & Shops &c for the Indians - Maj Plympton was in company on invitation and approves of the plans - which I have named hereafter to the Dept & which will be executed & more fully explained for the final action of the office -

Whether I remain over this year or not in this Agency the transfer of the Agency Office is required for the future regularity and efficient order of its offices -

## Wednesday 17th July 1839

Steam Boat Aiola arrives this day with nothing for the Service in the way of their Annuity —

I never saw proper more vexed than the Indians seemed at this 10th disappointment this season —

Com Lent to Gov Dodge - relative to Sioux & Chippewa Battles on the 8.

Letter from Gov Dodge requesting me to notify the Half Breeds & Traders of the appl of Lucius Lyon as Com. to settle Chippewa Claims at Lafonten Lake Superior —

Sev letters of the 14 & 25. of June from Mr Talcopens. —

Letter to Maj Pilcher on the Annuity for Sioux 12 arrivals & no news of frauds of any discription. —

The Indians are (and it is not surprising) much dispatisfied with repeated delays and disappointments - which are deemed unpardonable in the Office of Indian affairs - unless the Credit of the Nation is gone entirely - & no means to carry on the fulfilment of treaty stipulations

I at times wish I was King - or Dictator of America for 5 years - things should either go worse, or better in our country

The Aiola only remained some three or four hours at the Landing, and put off again for St Louis —

Big Thunder Chief & his head men at the Office this day - He said I had had my way & been given good news as his Fathers - Nor Pope have left & maybe come back next Spring - if not - he would then appoint a man to be his farmer - & one that would suit his purpose - to do -



The Agent replied — My friend - I understand you - & the Charge you would wish to make but the person you mean (Alex Fourniel) is a boy of good character & your relation but is unfit for hard work -

I wish to give you & all the Nation distinctly to understand - that as you cannot know your own minds, or intents for a moment - be caused talked to too much by disagreeing men. —

I shall appoint your Farmers myself & make no change except for neglect of duty & bad habits - You have nothing to say so your work is faithfully done and your proper instructions how to live —

I have this business in my own hands - and with which neither your proper nor any other man shall interfere -

I shall be the judge of all your business and if things go wrong I alone will be to blame

## Thursday 18th July

Nothing of importance has passed during this day but few Indians at the Agency —

The Rev. Mr Green gives on the Sioux & Chippewa difficulty shewn to me in manuscript by Maj Plympton - this production is in the main correct - Or Rum River Massacre instead of 130 Chippewas killed not more than 70 - were killed of men women & children. —

On the St Croix some 40 or 50 more Chippewas killed —

## Friday July 19th 1839—

= Some rain with thunder & heavy wind— during the night past— we have had at this Post no rain for 4 or 5 weeks before.— which has proven very destructive to vegetation generally—

The Little Crow Chief— called on me this day with his people— and as a Steam Boat had just arrived & departed— wished to know if there was any news of their Annuity and when it was likely their money and goods would come— for near two months these visits from all the Bands have been repeated & questions or questions

I replied— Your annuity did not come. nor have I heard a word of it or of any other matter in connection with it or any other in connection with money goods pay— & any thing else— and could not say from present appearances when I should— one thing was certain that when their annuity did come they would both know of it & receive it—

Then told they all to stay until they should be sent for.—

Rev. J D Stevens Former for Wahpekutes Band called— to know if ever the agricultural implements would come and when & if money for pay was expected & if he could get a few dollars to purchase medicines &c—

I replied that as ten months had elapsed and no funds wherein the balance of the year was likely to expend without money or means of any kind to carry on the operations of this agency—



I felt seriously disposed to be alarmed for the funds of the government— that one or two events must have taken place— 1st That the Office of Indian Affairs had been dispensed with— or 2d the government must be Bankrupt—

I stated him as the head & front of all offences— The whole fault— neglects— delays &c of the office fell on the shoulders of the Agent— the Indians look no further than him. the ignorant whites nearly as senseless— hence the time of agent during the greater portion of every year is vastly disagreeable to him—

The fault is not in this office— it is elsewhere & ought to be corrected forthwith.—

## Saturday 20th July 1839—

We have been favoured with more rain during the past night & morning— there is as yet not enough for the gardens & corn fields— tho much has fallen—

The "Bad Hair" of Penetons Village came and rec. 8 Bags Corn 1 B. Flour 1 Pork—

Rain again this day = in showers.—

The Chief Shakopee & Anmopenasiah with all the principal men of the 2d Mill Village arrived at the Agency—

Their business to the office was to see the Agent if their Annuity had been heard from.

Blamed the Agent for all delays—

Said if they had thought I could not do their business last year— they would have sent some other person—

Demanded money of the Agent to purchase guns & ammunition with in the absence of the annuity— also demanded that 3 chiefs should receive $100 each in the allotment of the annuity—

& divers other absurdities demanded &c

The Chief Shakopee evidently spoke for effect & for the Ears of his people - understanding this - my reply was prepared accordingly -

I said - Brave your Chief speaks for you - but he says what you do not think - I am sure as sensible & brave men - you cannot believe that the President will dispossess you out of your past dues - no no - you owe money since last year have you paid it? no ✗

You asked me to be responsible to your Creditors & beg them to wait with you for one year - now they have waited patiently with you, & me - what is the reason (as you are not such fools as believe your debts will be discharged) you cannot rest easy untill your payment comes - & can it well -

Your Chief gives you & me much unnecessary trouble - this should not be - I as well as your Interpreter & all the Smiths & Farmers are in the same condition - no money and yet we have sense - for it is certain to reach us whether you as well as that is due you under your treaty -

So be advised & be still - for all the talk in the world will not hasten the arrival of the annuity one hour sooner. ——

As to money to buy Guns & powder - if I had it I might, or might not lend it to you It would depend on the force of your request as a favour or demand - but I have no money - therefore no more talk is necessary on this subject -

Again

The Chief Shakopee said -

If we had happened last year ~~when you~~ when you went on, and we fixed & placed all things in your hands to arrange with the President & it would not be come - we would have found some other person to attend to our business - for us - it seems as if you can do nothing for us - I repeat you must get me Six hundred dollars



to buy Guns with with & I wish you to tell me whether you will do it or not - we are exposed at our Village here our fighting with the Chippewas a woman might come & destroy us. we have taken a count & only find ten guns in all my village - we have forgot the Chippewas because they stolen some of our best men after we had made peace - I thought at the time & told my Sentiments to the Chiefs of the Chippewas - that they were not able to keep the peace & the Rascals threw my advice aside -

Annogemanick next said

My Fathers - I have a words to say - you know my mind - I have ever had great confidence in you - & have listened always attentively to what you have said -

I know that it is not your fault that our business is not more forward - the many believe otherwise - for my part I have listened attentively to what you have said and shall remain quiet till we hear from below. —

The Chippewas called us in council before going away from this Post & we talked together for two days - I presented my pipe - I had confidence & respect for this Pipe but it seems the Chippewas have not —

After all my trouble for years past to keep the peace you & yourself know the thing has resulted we are not to blame in this late affair - this you know as well as I do -

Threat -

It seems that from various exciting causes - by language used by Clerks & half breeds - as to the affairs of the Sioux - blaming the Agent for all & every change of fortune or casualty in regard to the Indians & their affairs with the government

Heefer an Indian - a dirty fellow has sworn to murder the Agent - he states no cause but says he has it in charge & it must be done. This man belongs to the Sioux Village.

## Sunday July 21. 1839.

Had a long talk with the "Eagle Head" one or two other present of the Sioux Band — on the feelings of the Sioux — and I said "If the Sioux want war they can have it now at once by just spilling the Blood of any white man in this country — this act of any one Indian would involve all the Medawakanton Sioux — the whites would then let loose the Chippewas upon them women, & children & drive the Sioux entirely from the Mississippi — So be cautious — whatever causes may tend to keep up war between you & the Chippewas — dont let this fact interfere with the white people — for if you injure the whites — they will pour the Chippewas against you — on this you may rely —

So if you want peace keep your evil disposed young men quiet — it is better for you to kill one of your own bad men than bring on a war which will destroy all your people — women & children — Tell this to all your people for it will surely happen if any one thereafter spills the blood of a white man —

The Sioux Band on receiving the lady of their Flour & Tallow left for their villages —

The men of Black Dog Band — some 4 of them apply for a part of their Annuities — but as the Rule is to give out none without the presence & approbation of the Chief — none can or will be given —

Mr. Anderson states that he has received a letter from Mr. Authier by Mr. Ayer — Mr. A Leads in an age of $300 against the Little Crows Band for losses sustained in the Conflict between the Sioux & Chippewas on the St Croix — on the 9th of the 2d July — it is said it consists of Bedding Clothing &c taken from Authier & his men —

Authier is said to be slightly wounded a Scratch on the thigh — supposed by some to have happened in his flight a Scratch from a bush or stick —

The Chippewas lost 24 Killed 26 wounded on the St Croix —

& 70 on the Rum River —

By the statement of Revd Mr. Ayer —

Mr. Baker Received a letter dated the 7th inst from the St Croix from Martin McLeod Esq detailing the Conflict between the Sioux & Chippewas near the head of St Croix Lake 24 Killed & 29 wounded — "Strong Forehead" lost his wife — Plummers woman & Chief both Killed — Mr. M — states as he says that many reports will be made & fear as near the facts as possible —

## Monday July 22d

Revd Mr. Ayer at the Office — from Snake River of St Croix — reports 24 Chips killed. 129 wounded on head of Lake St Croix July 5 —

The failure of the efforts to keep the Sioux fully under their Treaty — with all Stipulations — has been attended with sad consequences to the public interest & may be worse —

The Agent is threatened daily with assassination all from the wanton heedlessness of the Office of Indian Affairs

The Office seems incapable of prompt action & in its fancy leaves stipulations that ought forthwith to be fulfilled —

22d. July continued

Steam Boat "Malta" arrived from St Louis this day - 46 packages of Annuity Goods for Sioux - No money sent -

Letter from Major Pilcher with the packages asking my safe receipts

Letter from P Chouteau & Co. with the Bill of Lading - asking for further information as to balance of the 10.000 in specie sent

Mr. McCall of Phila. letter of introduction - Some 30 passengers - Lieut Libby - Marcy & families - Geo Hunt & family - Brodhead McFarlane - Brown, Evans, Schwartz Mengis - & others passengers -

Capt Thorntwestow in Command -

Mr. Bambridge married to Miss Boone at Fort Snelling this evening - at the Residence of Capt A.S. Hone U.S.A.

## Tuesday 23d

The S Boat passengers left on a visit to Brown & the Falls of St Anthony -

46 packages of S.I. goods for Annuities for 1839 arrived & receipted for to Maj Pilcher -

Heavy fall of Rain this day which had the effect of injuring all the Bales & packages of goods on the River Bank - Hence, 3, Teams are kept pr day to haul the goods from the Landing to the Fort -

Beautiful mode of doing business - not one cent of funds for transportation, and no Store Houses for the property -

Letters & receipts to Maj Pilcher. -

Letter to P Chouteau & Co. as to Balance of $11.000 for Sioux -

No Powder Lead or Tobacco sent



for the Sioux nothing for treaty of 1837. nothing as yet for support of Smiths Shops - nothing to pay the Farmer - nothing for current expenses nothing - for Presents - nothing for Stationary - nothing in fact on any acct for the year 1839 & but two months, & Seven days to run -

Wahkoota Chief at the Agency Provisions asked for to be transported on the S Boat but low Water prevented - so he could not be accommodated - my Interpreter a little Drunk - but which by the way is too often the case with him - I cannot well discharge him as there is no one to accept the office at the low price of $300 pr. annum. -

## Wednesday 24th

The Steamer Malta left early this morning for St Croix to see the Battle ground of the Sioux & Chippewas - Thence to Stillwater -

Engaged all this day in drying Bales & packages which had been injured by the rain of yesterday -

Mahzahkohtah. and Sunrise had run with Hocomocko - Lake Calhoun also Marcepee wanchastah do - The Chiefs called on Wahkoota Chief of Lake Pepin & asked a few questions touching their Annuity what cent had been received, and what cent turned back or due deducted

Explanations were duly given & some small degree of Satisfaction expressed

I directed the Lake Calhoun Sioux to go out and look after their corn fields. & not be afraid of the Chippewas.

96.° Fair

## Thursday July 25.th 1839

Anniversary of the Battle of Chippewa 1814 — Comd.d — fought by Genl. Scott against the best troops of Wellington, & defeated them —

It was so exceedingly hot this day that I found it prudent to stay in the House and not accompany the Lake Calhoun Indians to visit their fields of Corn. — I have promised to do so with them — one I was gratified when I could not obtain a Horse to ride. —

110 Shade.

Hot Hot weather

Time proves all things — It now seems from all that I hear from Officers & Citizens of this Post — as to the irresponsibility of Col S. C. Stambaugh as declared to the U. States Comrs in Sept 1838 — by me on refusing to countersign their certificate "as Trustee for certain Orphan Children — of the Sioux tribes to S.d Stambaugh for $5750

R States

I now can sustain & appreciate for my foresight &c. tho at the time it was said my personal hostility to this individual induced me to take this course —

The Money now being lost to the Children — any body, & every body can see now as I did then —

The Comrs L. D. Pease & W. L. D. Ewing were much incensed at my refusal to permit the Half breeds to be defrauded out of their money — but none seemed so violent or interested in the matter as Wm L. D. Ewing of Illinois who came here as he told me to see what could be done in the way of speculations — that his acceptance of the appointment of Comr was of secondary consideration with him &c &c — He tried his best at various times to feel my pulse as to what he could do — Finding me not pliant — Capt Duncan Ewing

Rascality



## Friday July 26.th 1839

Nothing of importance happened during this day more than to have a Coffin made for Ahnupanchotan — who lost his daughter — 8 or 10 years of age — Man deaths than births among the Indians this year. —

Births & Deaths

## Saturday 27.

Wabkootah Chief of Lake Pepin called for his Provisions — in four Canoes —

Maneepee wee Chastah also. Called for Provisions

Sun excessively hot all this day —

Mr. Hotton returns from Beg Thunders Village — He has nearly completed the Enclosure for the Cattle & horses — and applied to Howe all the logs & Pickets for their Fort —

An Indian reported that horses had Eaten up his Corn & others & wanted pay for it — He lied about the Cattle & horses belonging to others

The Indians brought over the River their own horses &c, & their own horses eat their Corn — I name this fact to show the disposition of these Indians

## Sunday 28.th —

Weather Hot

Hogyah pah — or Eagle Head of Shakopees Village called at the Office — with a measure for a Coffin for a man of their Village. —

We are in the habit of late years of making Coffins for respectable & other Indians when they die

But there is at present no Plank at the Post for this or any other purpose —

Indians impatient for the receipt of their goods — No Bills of parcels received by the Boat therefore no delivery can as yet be made — Things bad as they are must stand so — for the present —

## Monday July 29th 1839 —

Some difficulty with the Interpreters family —
His wife gave him a blow which fellow him
Complaint entered by the Husband —

The Agent directed him to act in the matter in accordance
with the best dictates of judgement — as he the
Agent could in no wise interfere in family feuds

Mrs Campbell is a half blood Menomonee — a hard
working industrious woman — with a large
family to support — which thus far he has
done with some credit — Her temper is however
violent when roused —

Her Husband — drinks at times more than he ought —
and however much the has or may have cause
of complaining — the women not be justified
in knocking out her Husbands brains to
enforce her Commands. ——

I however consider both to blame and so-
let them settle again & again their own affairs

The Bad Hats called & Recd a Barrel of flour
of the allotment in store for the Band —
of Good Road ——

Some few Indians at the Office this Day
I was called upon for Provisions for Wounded
Sioux at Little Crows Village.
2 lbs Rice 1/2 lb Sugar — 1/4 Tea — Some
flour & Pork from private stores — for
attendance —

Mr Pero burns his Chicks & buries it in
my garden — grand yard ——

The Bones of my friends are
in my private Cemetery "Seven bodies
On cloud neatly in my Garden"
Lieut Apt Langham & I planted
a Cedar tree in the Centre
Sold to Frank Steele and Cy 1857 —



## Tuesday July 30. 1839.

Private
Orders
Prescott
Mr Cuvier

I was called upon to purchase a B Cracket for Wakefow
a young lady who was shot in face on the 5th of July
I sent Mr Indian to Mr Prescott for a 2/p. $6. —
the "Buffalo Fat" is to pay for it for his trouble —
as he must die unfortunately of his wounds ——

Mr Sibley left for Prairie du Chien this day 1/2 pas 2 oclk Pm
I sent a package of two letters to Gov. Lucas
on the Condition of things here & our Nomination
John Stollen Farmer for Little Crows Village — &
Anthony Papin as Smith Treaty of 1830. ——

Issued 10 lbs of Rice food for wounded Sioux —
1. Letter to Mrs Tabitha Beckwith Indian Agent —
1 do to Th M Johnson of Beaver Pa ——

## Wednesday 31st July

Mr Planer Forebault calls to report one of the
Indians Otter Chief by the Chief of Sioux village
he applies for a Cart to haul his Hay with —

The Head Men of Little Crows Band of Sioux
called this day & received all their Provision
but 12 lbs of flour & 1 of Tallow ——

I saw this day some Soldiers cross the Mississippi
and obtain whiskey from Dr R Borders
Whiskey Stills on the opposite side ——

We have twice hoped to get the Dept of War
to set apart a reservation for military
purposes & compell Scoundrels to keep their
distance — The Soldiers from 20 to 50 on alternate
duty & nightly confined in the Guard
House — no work can be carried on. ——

The Mississippi is low & the Indians uneasy
at the delays occasioned by neglect
of the proper Dept to push on their
Money annuity supplies ——

## Thursday August 1st 1839

Rain fell during this day —

The Mail arrives from Prairie du Chien but this office rec.d but one letter & that by the hands of the Carrier.

Th A B Boyd act Sub Agent letter June 8 1839 & only received this day August 1st

Wabishaw Bands ask to be paid their Treaty Stipulations at Prairie du Chien for three 3. Reasons only — or

1st The Bands have now very small

2d Because they have always been in the habit of visiting Prairie du chien —

3 — By receiving their pay at the Villa — it avails them nothing — as they give all in presents to others of their friends —

Not one of which is tenable — words put in their mouth

Reasons why they should not be paid at Prairie du Chien —

1st Because this band is now reduced & being an intiate part of the Muscawakantan Sioux & concerned in the treaty of 1830 & 1837.

2d — Whiskey & the small Pox first decimated the people at Prairie du chien —

3d — we should withdraw this remnant of Sioux from that Muscawakan influence which has been their bane for thirty years nearly

4 It is sound policy to consolidate west all the Bands of Sioux & placed under but two Agents —

5 A Heavier blow has been struck at British Canadian influence here than elsewhere the Sioux are great Canadian Englishmen made so by contact with Canadians at Prairie du chien —

6 These old Canadians are jealous of their influence with the Indians & to hold it will fight secretly & die hard —



## Friday August 2d —

Rain & foggy weather — not sufficient to swell the Rivers —

Several persons from the St Croix arrive this day on business at this Post — from one of them men I learn that my valuable dog — Nero — a most beautiful Black — Newfoundland & half Spaniel was in the possession of one of the lumber men at that place — as I owned not little $100 for him I have this day notified Mr. Dawes — the Agent of the fact of his being kept rather stolen & hopes he would use his best exertions to have this faithful animal restored to his proper Master ——

The Interpreter — J. Campbell informs me that the Chiefs in Council — have determined to wait upon me, & demand the Goods just arrived as a portion of their annuity —

As no Invoices have been sent & orders not to break bulk until the balance of goods should arrive I shall be under the necessity of defending the goods — a pretty predicament to be placed in by a weak, & wavering Dept —

## Saturday 3d —

Louis Martin — Farmer for Black Dogs Bands called at the Office to report the accidental death of One Cow belonging to this Band —

Gave Martin instructions to govern his conduct & affairs with the Indians —

Report that more whiskey is on deposite at the House of Michael Cadotte west of the Mississippi —

Purchased Powder Lead & Tobacco to the Black Tomahawk — a donation in his distress $ 31

## Sunday Augst 4th 1839

Maj Plympton Comdg called at the Office to know of the Agent - if a man could be had to go with a Boat to Prairie du Chien as he wished to send off his Dly & Monthly returns. —

I exerted my zeal to find a Canadian but none. could be procured. Corn Leaves & Black birds to feed on against —

Chief Black Dog at the Office - with Seven or other Indian Head men Annuities then Thered as usual —

As an Express is to leave. I suspend letters —

## Monday 5th

1 Letter with Statistical Returns forwarded to Gov. Lucas. information of the Nd & Condition of the Indians within this Agency - Localities. Means of subsistence

2 Letter to Maj Pelham Supt as to funds in Specie for the Agency - Lt Whitehorne having the means in hand here - why not use it —

3 Letter to John. B. Shaw of Fort Madison Temperance movements deemed especially to the interests of Iowa —

Letter to Mrs Tabiferro now in Bedford detailing my fortune & present views my general health declines fast — Resignation of the Agency being long since forwarded. I learn as soon the Annuities shall be paid to the Indians. —

Showers with rain at intervals during this day — Some 40 or 50 Indians about

Revd J. D. Stevens leaves for Wabishaw Village with men to cut Hay —

He takes all the Stock down for this Band.



## Tuesday Augst 6th 1839 —

In council this day with "Lake Calhoun" Band Since the Council with the Chippewas —

Agent. My friends. I see you to day & I feel for your situation. Your Corn is being destroyed by the Black Birds & you sit still.

Your families my friends may suffer for food. if you neglect your Corn - with Rice you fear to gather with your women -

My desire is that on tomorrow you go out with all your pieces & secure your Corn -

Reply of the Chiefs.

My Father - we listen to you - we never intended to give up our places or Corn - we stopped here for a few days after our brother with the Chippewas — we shall return on tomorrow as you seem to desire & advise us to do -

My Father - we wish to go & take care of our Corn but we are in a poor way to defend ourselves against the Chippewas in case we are attacked we have not ten guns & not one charge of powder and Ball -

My Father - our goods are come except some few small things & our $10.000. you say you can touch nothing until we are all present. or the balance of our things come. —

If this is the case we are badly off - we then wish you to assist us with the Traders - & become responsible for $160 worth of Guns - Powder & Lead -

This I found it best to do - & gave the Chiefs an order for 12 guns - with Powder & Lead on A. H. Sibley Agt Am F. Co

The Chief gave in the Note. —

Mr S Pond at the Agency on business —

## St Peters Agency. Wednesday Aug 7. 1839

Some rain but of little or no effect on the product of water in the River which is very low

If the Annuity for the Indians of this Agency had come up in proper Season - one half of the Expense might have been saved

but it seems Govt Officers have rather delay, & pay $3 for $1. for transportation. I am disgusted. —

The Pillager Chippewas - Stopped at "Elk River" Methodist Mission - Killed & Jerked Six head of Cattle for Mr Brown - They people were on their return from this Post to Leech Lake - a part of whom killed near Lake Harriet on the 4. of July a Sioux Indian called Neekaa or Badger. —

Mr Randolph returned from Elk River this day & gives the foregoing information. We learn from Mr R. that 90 Chippewas were killed on the 3. of July on Red River by the ~~[illegible]~~ Sioux

## Thursday 8th —

1. Shakopee — 2 Mareepeewechoshtah
2. Annogenosah — 3 Kee moo ko —
3. Nasicumpraw — 3 Kenyah
4. Mat. 3ah hoh tah — 3 Tah sanpa and others of the Chiefs of the Mdewakantons & Sissetons and Wahpacootas at the Office this day — Various Questions and Answers as to the forces and money due them - what never paid below if they are to where they were to be paid — I told the Heads now that I was in the receipt of no letters, & it was not in my power to say when they would be paid — but one thing I might say and that was - the traders might expect their Annuity this year in time for Winter.



The Chiefs - asked a private Audience & with 10. certain Braves admitted with the 8 Chiefs present I consented & the Store Room being vacant we adjourned to it —

Mareepeewechoshtah - Opened by saying —

My Father - We have had Strange feelings pass over us within a few days - a little Bird whispered as we came along to your house this day - and our hearts are sorely distressed at the Sound a Sound which seemed not from below - it did not come out of the ground - it was in our path -

My Father - This sound was borne upon the winds and seen upon a dark cloud flew over our path & for a while we could not see - we were as blind men walking on Strange grounds.

My Father - I am deputed to give you this news as we all heard it - we hope it is not so. For we know of no cause on our part why we should be deserted & left worse off than when first we heard the sound of your voice - a voice that gave us peace plenty & good counsel and our Children know it -

My Father the Chief & Braves present wish to learn from your own lips - if the Bird we have heard speak this day - speak truth.

My Father are you going to leave your Children & see them no more - you who have been our only true & faithful friend - for ~~[illegible]~~ our years. Speak my Father - but say you will not desert us - but die where you have done so much good for us and our women & Children. — we know no man can or would do for us what you have done - we can never part with you we had rather die than see you go off never to return - back to us. —

My Father - we know all things dont go right but we see you cant help them things we want our Annuity & it ought to have come long ago - we now believe you have done your best & the fault is not yours - we sent you last year on to See our great Father - & to hurry on our supplies early every Spring - we believe the fault is not with you nor with our Great Father - but it seems the fault is on the roads with other people -

My Father - you say your health is good and you cant pass the winter again in our country - My Father this is nothing all we want is for you to attend to our business for us - you shall stay with us all Summer & then go off for the winter & attend to our business & return with our goods & money in the Spring - If we grant this, and dont complain no other person has a right to interfere

My Father - we shall meet from all to gether and we shall ask our Brother Mr Plympton to write our great Father our Sentiments - for we cannot write you - we thought all before, and things would surely go wrong with our people & your nation - we cannot part with the only true friends we have in this country -

The Agent here interrupted the general course of remarks - by saying -

My friends - Things go out what you have heards as you passed along is true I have told your great Father that I sent my resignation to him after 21 years residence on your land



I did this because things do not suit me - I am and have ever been your firm friend - but my health is gone, & I cannot pass any more winters here - I would gladly do your business in Summer & during 8 months of the year - but no longer - again my friends when I speak of some things which concern you - I find all the blame of delay in your business falls on my shoulders - I cannot get what you ask for - for your own money - I cannot make the people see & feel as we do, & feel - no two men a great distance apart think alike - & for this reason I wish to leave -

Here again Tecumseh language was used by Dawnee

Friday 9th Sept - 1839 -

Shakopee - & Bands - call & get an order for 18 guns of I. B. Faribault at $180. to be paid out of their Spring Annuity of 1839

All this expense might have been saved & latter avoided if the Dept had sent the Annuity Supplies this year - but Seven weeks, and the year expires & yet not one Requisition Met by the Office ———

The Lake Calhoun band of Sioux did not all get off - until this day - for their Village to see after their corn crops - Mr Poole Hawley much of their Luggage in carts over land -

I was again called on this afternoon by another Delegation of Seven Chiefs & head men - of the Wahpaakoota tribe after transacting some official business at the Office - Some general remarks passed as to the news of the day &c - where -

I was called at, and to by several leading men who Spoke more plainly & decisively against my late resignation of the Agency for them

Dont My Fathers - Have you any thing against us your Children that you are determined to leave our Country - why did you come among us - if you ever intended to leave us in our present time of need - we want you now more than ever - think of our Condition

No man can do for us as well as you have done & do every day - If foolish men talk - mind not evil tongues - bad men wish to take you from us - that we may be miserable -

My Father - Mind us - think not of going off we cannot bear the idea - you have been with our people so long that you are now one of us - we shall be in a bad way if you leave us it will be a dark day for our nation - Children have been born & are now learning your first pat foot on our lands - we can part with you - we won't think of it -

My Father - I and our friends here - heard a word of what passed yesterday in your House - we are all of one mind - that if you leave us every thing will go wrong with our people & the whites - we all know you have had great trouble with our affairs but take pity on us and you shall do as you please -

Much more was said but of similar import

## Saturday 10th August 1839 -

The Little Crows Band - Killed one of the largest of their work Cattle - they now have but Six left - So Reports Mr Hotton their Farmer. -

The wild conduction of the N Western Indians - tends to render them careless as to future prospects of realizing benefits from ownership of property - the present moment with them is as far as their short sighted vision is capable of comprehending - wahlen. -

Issued 3. Bls Flour & One of Tallow to Bad Hail

In Counting Barrels I miss, 3. Barrels of Tallow by whom taken is as yet not known -



Agency House Pelaw -

## Sunday August 11th 1839 -

I have requested my Interpreter Scott Campbell to discharge a Dr Blood. by name Benjamin for insolence, & frequent ill conduct about the Agency He has promised to do but much time has Elapsed since this request & promise was made & not complied with

To day - this fellow took Mr Campbells Horse into my House - & through the passage - among the Indian Goods & where it was nearly impossible to pass -

It is reported from the Sioux that the Chippewas who went to Laporte last month - were returning having failed to meet their annuity, and no Provisions - Starvation has forced them to leave - So here is a neighboring Agency worse off even than my own. -

## Monday 12th -

Weather Cool, and Cloudy - bad colds occur - Summer complaints attacked during July the Grown up as well as the Children - among the Indians some severe deaths - none among the whites who proper diet cannot be had -

Severe pain in my face - this day - subject to it for 5 years past - for days after a cold but better but none of nights - Indian Sums not yet come to hand - River low - prospects bad. -

## Tuesday 13th

Ox Carts &c

The Farmers having no means to collect together their Hay for Stacking &c I consent to a division of the Carts - 7. carts 3 wagons - 24. ploughs &c - 28 ox yokes & 28 bows -

Amt Agricultural implements Delivered

| | | Stevens (1) | Denton 1 | Pond 1 | Hotton | Martin & Fairbanks 1 | Dean |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 7. Carts - to | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3 Wagons & harness | (1) 2 | " | | | | |
| 28 | Ox yokes & Bows | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 2 |
| 14 | Single Ploughs | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 2 |
| 14 | Double Ploughs | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 2 |
| 3 | Sets Harness - | | | | | | |

Joseph R. Brown whiskey shop East of the Miss is in full operation again, & the Soldiers Drunk — No orders as yet from the War Dpt to take possession of the public Reservation — for Military purposes. — all doubt, & Chaos —

I sometimes of late fear the Country has become Bankrupt - if this be not the fact - there is no excuse which can be satisfactory - why the office of Indian Affairs - has wholly failed for nearly one whole year in sending out Treaty Stipulations, & funds for this Agency -

## St Peters Wednesday 14th Augt 1839

Martin - Farmer for "Grey Iron" Bands of Sioux called — for his Cart - Plough - yoke &c -

The Miss & St Peters being so low - that he drove his Team down the Sioux & the St Peters a mile to the Am Fly house along the bed of the St Peters - not over 18 inches in any one place -

This fact is recorded - as from few years hence it may be doubted - as matter of history it is in place in this Journal —

Two Sioux arrive at the Office with letters from Lake Pepin Mission - No news of a Mail Steam Boat, or any chance of Communication from below. — I hear nothing from the Office of Indian Affairs - or Superintendents

## Thursday 15th

A Mail at last - but letter more more than a Small Steam Boat is a Lake Pepin company up - with Indian Flour I hope, and trust - another disappointment after 13 arrivals would be the Divil among the expecting Multitude.

No letter for me by this Mail of a public nature One from Mrs T - of the 9th of July. —



## Friday Augt 16th 1839 -

at 11 PM last night the S Boat Ariel - reached our Landing - & departed this day — Letters &c from Maj Pitcher with goods per Sioux to fill contract $1660.37 - $10.000 under treaty of 1837 - now complete —

Letter from Comr Indian Affairs requesting me to store the goods subject to the further orders of Gov Lucas - No Invoices with the Goods - a poor business from first to last -

No goods under the Treaty of 1830 - $900. in goods for Sufferers & Mudawakanton $500 for the Wahpacootas yet absent & not one line if there are to be suffered this year or not -

Not one line from any Quarter as to the $10.000 in Specie to be paid the Sioux under the Treaty of 1837. —

This year altho plain Estimates in Duplicate were forwarded in 1838. for every Treaty Stipulation nothing seems to have been correctly done — or the least haste displayed -

Thermometer 100 in shade

## Saturday 17th

Annuity Articles Stolen for want of Room Cost & Ally on the Agency of the freight

One or two Bags of Shot Weighing — Recovered - so exposed are we at this Post a hundred eyes & better Stores & Strong Locks are required. — Agents suffer many losses of this nature. —

The Chief "Grey Iron" looses his Daughter suddenly with a bleeding at the nose - he sent for a coffin and a Blanket - I bought one of P Pascotte and sent it to him by the Ala Rouge $5.50

It appears that Bailey's suit against me will be apt (contrary to all Equity or justice) to go against me for the Degree of his whiskey in 1834 July - & that $3,000 damages & costs of Suit for 180 Gallons of whiskey - If this be true I have unfortunately Resigned my office - prematurely for I shall be ruined & a beggar - unless the

Government shall step forward & relieve me the poor officer stands no chance in these times for doing his duty to his country under the laws of congress - Terrebonne jurors on the frontier will shield the whiskey smugglers whether, or wrong - it is all the same -

I must now report this fact to the office before the 31. of December - I only have to await the result - of the Iowa Court in Wisconsin -

## Sunday 18th Aug 1839

Thermo 99° shade

It is amusing to hear of the idle lorgnes on the grounds of my Resignation -

Real cause explained -

1. Delicate health - weather too long & cold
2. Not sustained by the Dept wether the Indians as agents prompt fulfilment of treaties & literal fulfilment of Regulations -

Reasons by Idle & Malicious lorgnes

1. He resigned because he feared he should be removed if disappointed - after the 1st payment of annuity -
2. He is asking for the appointment aid so to shew his enemies he cares no more as long as he wished so -

## Monday 19. August

The last mail bringing an order to Maj Plympton Comdg - defining the limits of the Nine Reservations around Fort Snelling - & excluding the trading location thereon - I issued the following Public Notice to all concerned in business near the Agency



## Public Notice

The Department of War having decided in a recent order to the Officer in command of this Post - that the trading location would be included wether on the lands reserved for military purposes - Now therefore be it known to all whom it may concern that no further consideration will be given by this office to applications for permits to trade wether within the reservations to be designated by the orders aforesaid -

Given at the Office of Indian Agency at St Peters - this 19th day of August 1839 -

Lawson Taliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peters

I visited the Fort at ½ past 6 P.M. this evening - for supper - when I found considerable excitement among the entire mass of the Commands -

The cause

A Canadian - by name Rondeau - had come to the Fort on business with the Comdg Officer - Being met by Sergt Mortimer & questioned as to some message sent by St Rondeau to him Sergt was - of an insulting nature considered -

The Sergt ordered R. the Citizen to make atonement - & taste of his hat - refusing the Sergt gave St Rondeau a blow & ordered him confined in the guard house - which surprising to say was done - under the orders of a new Comd. officer -

Such an occurrence was never known at any other Post before I venture to say - This outrage on the rights & liberties of the Citizen I am sorry to say seemed to be countenanced & approved by some of the Jr. officers -

Rondeau was released forthwith by order of the Comdg. officer - & sent out guarded to the Gate - where he was met while in charge of the guard by Sergt Mortimer & a fine French

The Sec of War in Establishing Posts for Civil & Military purposes - ought to give the Military distinctly by Special orders & plain instructions to understand the rights powers & immunities of Civil officers & those in the public employ - apart from the Army - As it often happens these opinions & notions wholly or varying with the Civil rights & proceedings under the laws seem wholly misunderstood - either from a want of knowledge or spirit of contradiction if no worse sentiment or feeling ——

Therm. 100° Shade

## This - Tuesday Augt 20th 1839

T Bushman — Bruskin a half breed Chippewa arrived from Lapointe L.S. with letters to B F Baker & others from ~~Lapointe~~ M. McLeod - The U.S. Commr. and Agent D P Bushnell have sent a deputation of 2 half Breeds & one Chippewa Indian for "Hole in the Day" Chief to go to meet them at Lapointe — This business will be settled badly for the Claimants unless this Chief should attend —

The Agents & others in connection with the Am F Coy - will aid in forcing in all forms of Claims - so as to cover as much of the money as possible for themselves —

No man knows more of these designs and interests than the Agent at this Post

Things have been put at a distance from real Claimants & their friends that the worse may be done the more secretly & apparently unobserved



## Wednesday Augt 21. 1839 —

Mr. Baker sent his carriage for me this day to attend to the authentication of several papers for him - as he was too unwell to ride these papers appertain to his claim on the Chippewas - & for his children —

Gov. Dodge for the high & honorable course pursued by Mr Baker relative to his accts at the Treaty of July 1837 - promised he should have his claim of $6000 allowed in full —

Adkins & Warren trusted not to words - but forced in their accts in the treaty $28,000 & $25,000

Dousman also did the same & got his $5,000

Now it seems if Mr B - under the decision of the present Comr. in consideration of other claims - should get $1,500 it will be as much as a bargain - Horrid oversight in the Governor - he ought to have stated what he promised & for what to the Comr. of the Affairs

## Thursday 22d - Augt -

Shakoopee or the Six & his band were 80 in No at the Agency - there probably bothersome especially as to their annuity for this year It is Hell on the Agent here - the neglect of the Indian Office - one sound practical man out to reside at the Comr's elbow in Washington or we shall have trouble with the Indians and their money - No attention is paid to filling Estimates & requisitions for the Indians in goods out of their own money. Sends for 350 guns

only sent - 114

Short 236.

Every thing else as much out of joints

The Agent has a hard time of it under such downright ignorance - or stupidity well paddy commended by the Agents of the Office —

Agency Office Potts Friday Augt 23d 1839

The Indians of "Big Thunder" Band found a Horse on the Prairie belonging to Gorsuch — I send an order for his delivery & direction to pay the finder One 3pt Blanket Reward. ——

Mr Lake Calhoun Sends off in quest of three dead at the Battle ground of the 8th of July. to collect the bones of the Killed — this Band took the Start of the Sioux people on the same errand. ——

Saturday 24th Augt

Letter to Major Pelcher with Estimate for Wagons. Carts. Ploughs &c for Sioux — with a request to pay P Chouteau & Co for the Same & forward their Accounts. to enable me to close with the Auditor of the Treasury. —

The Indians of Lake Calhoun & French Prairie returned from the Battle ground — The dead with but one exception (Tookahn Petah") had been taken of or pulled to pieces by wolves & Vultures —

The Sioux heard Guns a mile or two off — but the Strong & well armed — obeyed my Commands & did not join quest of those of the Chippewas hunting but returned —

Sunday 25 —

Shakoosin & Hoo tah pah Chiefs of Sioux village called on me this morning & asked me what the allotment to their village would be I gave at a rough Estimate

Shakoosins Band will receive over $2.000 in Specie
over 2000 in goods
over 4.000 in all

The traders bother the Indians and they in turn bother the Agent — so we go ——



I leave the whole Nest this fall Indians & traders I resigned on the 15th of July to take effect on the 31st of December next — I am disgusted with the life of an Agent among such discordant Materials & bad management on the part of Congress — the Indian Office &c &c. ——

Wakooshun Tunkah } Shakopee
Mohzah kah tah } Koomacko
Tah chunk washton } Mareepee wee chastah

& other Chiefs & Head men called at the Office and asked for a Division of the $10.000 in goods now in Store — or to give their people a certain quantity of Powder Lead & Tobacco —

I remarked to the Chiefs that I had as yet no authority from the Dept. to deliver any thing and they must wait for the next Boat —

Monday 26

Writing letters to the Sec of war Com In Affairs Maj Pelcher Capt at L'Corne & Gov. Lucas of Iowa — for the mail in the morning. —

Again & Again

All the Chiefs of Villages call on the Agent again this day & repeat their request of yesterday — for their goods now in Store

I repeat my Orders to them — the Chiefs demand their delivery — I flatly refused firmly tho mildly — knowing the character of my people —

I saw after things had settled down — began & coolly and with good feelings & temper laid open to the Chiefs — the impropriety at this time of their demands — all the Chiefs were not present — & no issue at any rate could be made as the Chiefs were — This seemed to settle the point for the

I am be[illegible] all another pull for the goods from Shakoopee Chief — on tomorrow as he seems not at all satisfied —

The Gov[t] has placed me in a tight place — & I am left to battle it out — right or wrong —

## Tuesday 27th Augt 1839 —

The Express Mail leaves as far as Lake Pepin in charge of C. Cutler —

The Revd J D Stevens — Farmer for Wabashaw Band of Sioux — called at the office and rec[d] One Log Chain — borrowed of me (Brewer) One Set of Wagon Harness — for Sioux — and left for Lake Pepin — & his village

Hay has been cut by his men for the cattle for the coming winter

Lake Calhoun Sioux make a heavy crop of Corn and potatoes — 1400 Bushels 650 Pots.

Shakopee Chief called again this day at the Office — I stated to him the utter folly of his expectancy for what he surely could not get at present — He left better satisfied for his village —

The Mississippi and St Peters are both very low. and it seems impossible for a S Boat to get up — under a rise of waters —

I have been busy all this day in ruling off Blankets for Pay & receipt Rolls in case I get the Money down with the goods to pay the Indians —

S C Stimbaugh is fishing for the Appointment of the Officers to his recommendation for our Indian Agency — for these new Settles — I trust they will withstand these countenances to high a character



St Peters — Wednesday 28. Augt 1839 —

The Farmers — Smiths — Interpreters &c wait on me to know if I had in truth tendered my resignation to the Dept — I replied in the Affirmative — Then said they — "We must ever regret it" — & further said — "you know the feelings of the Indians & the present condition of things in this Country we did hope you would not leave the Post until the Treaty of 1837. had been fully carried into effect — another man ignorant of what is to be done — will bring us all in trouble. we fear" —

The Indians will have a "Milk & Water" Agent by the nose & finally Stick him. The man who succeeds me in this Agency must — begin as he intends to end — firm & decided — with Mildness of deportment Steady in his manners — consistent & uniform — but Kindness be attended by a proper degree of firmness in all transactions affecting the Indians — Make them understand that you are their friend & their friend — then things may go on well — look often to your Interpreter — frequent confidential conversations with him is prudent as well as advisable — Confidence between the parties is indispensable or there can be no harmony of action or of concert. The Interpreter can be a most dangerous enemy to the success or standing of the Agent —

I have been there for 21. years pretty fortunate with my Interpreters — I have made friends of all — the actual interest of the public Service required it — no less than for the sake of humanity —

Kocmoko. Chief of Lake Calhoun called at my Room & asked if it was possible that after 21. years I was disposed to quit the

the country & leave the children I have raised
without a Father to guide them - "I cannot consent
to see you go off to remain no this must not
be - I shall feel lonesome without you —
I replied that - It was my intention to leave
to leave altogether as soon as I had paid
off his Nation - I only waited for the
money & a few goods absent under
the treaty of 1830. when I got them things
& paid off - I felt disposed to rest -
I found things no right - my people were
complaining of me - tho I was not to
blame - last fall I made out all the
papers to draw their goods & money upon
& expected all their treaty to be fulfilled
this year - I am disappointed - many
of our people talked hard because
their annuity was not paid in Jand
I could not blame them for it - I felt ashamed
of the delays of my own people - therefore
to get clear of all troubles on both sides
I thought to come in all September not
to return home again as his Agent - but
might as an old friend - anxious
to see my old friends once more

Koc mo ko - replied at length
the substance was - "If you hold to this
opinion - we shall ask our Great Father
to hold you & send you back to us -
things will go wrong - no man can now
suit as like you - our people talk it
is true but we must talk when
things go wrong - we talk hard
but we dont blame you - you
must forget this day & not leave us -



## Thursday Augt 29th 1839

Rains this day - the first for some weeks - the River
is a low as it seems possible to get at this date
Fall or Equinoctial Storms may soon come on -
& then a few inches more may be expected -

Major Plympton at the Office - on consulting together
on various affairs in connection with our
position here - we have free & full discussions
Maj P. is a valuable Officer & understands well
the policy of prompt correct & faithful action in
every dept of the government —

We are so far off here that - we are likely to let the world
hear from us soon in a blaze - then look out
you Eastern public functionaries - you have
had warnings enough - for your due experience

## Friday Augt 30.

Clear this morning - but little prospect again
of Rain enough for some days to swell
the Missi or St Peters River. —

A Mail may or may not come for a week yet
the one is due on the 1st of Sept. Sunday —

The Post Office - has no Post Master present nor has
he been for a year - the opening & closing
the mail & distribution of letters & papers
has been in the hands of foreigners for some
two years - Messrs Rutson & Forbes Canadians -

Representations & a nomination of the Post Master
has been made to the P. G. Genl. but no notice
seems to have been taken of the communication
of the Officers of Fort Snelling

A number of Indians about the Office
this day - questions asked & answered
when they may get their annuity

Prospects seem gloomy to them from
the present condition of the River

I feel much embarrassed myself at the
unusual & unaccountable delay —

North western Agency Peters. —

Saturday Augt 31. 1839 —

The troops are being mustered this day for pay — & c & c —

The Indians of Lake Calhoun & Green Prairie Farmer make some 1500 or 2000 bushels of Corn. 600 do of Potatoes —

Marcpee wee chastah & others of the Indians of the Wahpeton & Sisseton Bands of Sioux of Lac qui parle arrive this evg

Letters from the Revd Mr. Riggs & Williamson state their difficulties with the Indians take a war party from their place — and ask for the interference of this office against the demands & encroachments of the Indians. —

Letter from Joseph Renville Esq. as to the visit of three persons — and their views generally — on tomorrow when a few hours talk can be had with the Indians — a reply will be made

I am certain number all through the country in a few months — things go wrong — & the tardy movements & inattention of the office of Indian Affairs — is hastening difficulties long apprehended — no funds no traders no support or attention but substantially throw the Indians

must bring on a train of unpleasant occurrences — On Tomorrow

I have ordered the Indians to meet either it be Sunday

To get to detain camp some because of letters



Sunday Sept 1st 1839 —

Mr. Faribault arrives & reports a Durham Boat near Moores place Pine Bend.

An Agent sent by this conveyance with funds to pay the Sioux Annuity in Specie — $10.000 —

I trust he has the funds for treaty of 1830. also & funds to pay off the hands men of the Agency. —

The year is now within 30 days of its expiration — & since Left last past One year this Agency has been without funds of any description —

Mr Sire arrived in a Durham Boat with the Mail — letters for this Agency

1. from Gov. Dodge as to pay alowed P Dean

2. packages from Gov. Lucas — Moneys & funds $10,000 to pay Sioux — & as to funds —

4 public May Pitcher Sept — Allowance for year for this Agency —

Also. $10.000 in Specie for Sioux Annuity

Also as to McPhers case —

2 letters from Mrs Tahapenso — Pa

1. from Stan & John Tahapenso — Va

Monday 2. Sept

1. Answer to Gov Lucas — enclosing McPhers Ass Bond & contract for payment —

1. May Pitcher Sept as to funds &c. &c — & acknowledge all his letters — Adding him on the treaty of 1830 not fulfilled also as to Iowa State &c.

Also Allowance for 1839. not met in full. —

Sent Messengers this day for Wahpeton Band — & for Lake Pepin Sioux to meet for payment —

Rd $10.000 in Specie for Annuity —

## Tuesday 3. Sept 1839

Mr Cire left for Peans on Claims with Several Keps of Specie say $43.000 to aid in paying Annuity

He left this Agency $ 13570 - on acct of Treaty - & current expenses - but no pay for Either Farmers or Black Smiths or Physicians. —

Sah saugaa Chief of the Wabpoakonetas with a part of his proper annuity

Sake qui pauk Indians annuity 2d Detachm

Mr. Cire requested to notify the Chiefs of the receipt of their money, and that I was ready to pay. —

## Wednesday 4th —

Council with the Wabpoakonetas as to that portion of the Annuity of 1830. rec.d by the Mechanakantons demanding the whole $1400 - I am disposed to let them get it all as their other tribes get $20.000 in Goods & money &c

## Thursday 5th —

Council with the Lacquiparle Indians of the Wabpeton Sioux - I talked to them plainly as to the Mispenaas at their place - that they must not trouble them - but protect them —

I enforced peace & good order upon them minds & they promised most faithfully that they would return home & protect the Mispenaas & their property to the full extent of



my wishes — To make & Abide & to encourage the white fellows to fulfil their promises as our people are completely at their mercy —

Present

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 Tin Kettles | 12 Knives |
| 5 yds blue Strouds | 100 gun Flints |
| 14 yds Com Calico | 80 lbs Tobacco |
| 38 lbs Lead | 1 Keg Powder |
| 1 pr. 3 pt Blks, | 1 pr 2½ pt do |
| 1/4 pce Ribbon Blue | 1 1/4 Thread |
| 12 Cotton Shirts | 3 Calico do |

I sent 40 lbs of Tobacco to Little Chief by his Brother

## Friday 6th September — [Sept.]

Muster Rolls & pay Rolls of the Indian annuities of 1836 & 1837 prepared as far as can be under the annuity of Wabashas. —

12 Contracts Copied for the Dept —

Attending at Benj F Baker who is too ill to do business, & drew some private papers - and powers of Attorney in favour of H. N. Dillon for him - also drafted & wrote an application to the Army Office for leave of absence until Spring for the restoration of his health - & for the purchase of Supplies for the Post - (being Post Sutler)

Sent Vaccine Matter (3) Scabs to Dr Dod William Son of Lacquiparle - with instructions to vaccinate all Indians disposed to submit to the Operation & that he should receive at the Scale of $7. for every hundred persons —

Payment by Gov R. Lucas of Iowa

## St Peters. Saturday 7th Sept 1839—

Tah sunpan Chief of the Wahpaunhoton Sioux came to the office with his people, and asked for $1400 - being the balance of the annuity due after measurement - Inspector & his tribe — I remarked that unless all the Chiefs were present I could not comply with his request — That a relinquishment of $600. of this money by the third Lower Chiefs - (formally) were requisite as my authority for the act - I made no doubt of the propriety of the measure as the other tribe was in the receipt of a heavy annuity & did not want the money and under the Treaty of 1830 —

He said - "You know I am the principal chief of all the Sioux of the plains now - & if right should have the money to myself & I can satisfy my people" —

In reply - my friend - I know this would suit your leaders to give you the money but your people & Chiefs absent look to me for their rights in any event — I cant do it — I want for the presence of all their Council with your people, and their decision will be mine — I send an Express for the Inspectors & the rest of your Chiefs & people on tomorrow. —

I also send an Express to Lake Pepin & to Traverse des Sioux —

Wahkon Tunkah at the office he said - my Father in 4 days I arrive with my people to know why you are going to divide as altogether is among us much - we will speak our sentiments.



Their Half breeds meddles too much in the affairs of the Indians & their business with the Government - putting the most absurd notions into their heads - as to their Annuities and - forming &c &c -

I feel pleased at the near approach of the ends of my labours in the Agency at this Post & I have had nearly 21 years of toil & trouble in keeping the peace - redressing wrongs - real or imaginary &c &c — If I have not put an end to wars or casual murders between the tribes - no white man has suffered in his person —

I hope to be allowed some credit for this fact - 21. years is a long term for our own Citizens to live & repose Indians with their Blood thirsty in their nation or on our frontiers —

## Sunday 8th Sept —

Report this day that Indians said to be the Sioux & no doubt of the fact having crossed the Mississippi and destroyed a whiskey shop - owned by Jos R Brown - a Mr Mink a trapper & Mr Anderson a Dr. Reed Sioux —

Mr. Mink called on me & I ordered Mr Campbell the Interpreter to go to the scene of depredations but when he got to the River the Indians had dispersed in every direction —

## Monday Sept 9. 1839

Small Boat Steamer Pike arrived this day from below 90 recruits - letters from his Excellency Gov Lucas —

The arrival of the Recruits prevents the issue of any provision to Indians at payment of the Annual Annuity - the Post being short of Provision —

Letters in reply to Gov Lucas - Biennial Report required by resolution of Congress to be forwarded Sept 30 —

Letters to my Pitcher Stars Denton Gavin $500. to each Corporal for him to pay Lieut Brooks arrived with detachment

## Tuesday 10th —

Steam Boat Pike left this day with Lieut Whitehorne & Lady for Fort Winnebago - Capt Scott for Louisville - a 2d Message for Wabashas Band to call for the Money goods and provisions —

Bought a Horse of Norman - which was not delivered - ——— $7.50

Several arrangements made with Mr Sibley - alotting the Money & goods to pay on Friday next & Money on Monday

## Wednesday 11

My Express returned from Red Wings with a letter from Mr L. C. Gavin - Mr G. Lick that the Indians would be ready to see me in 8 or 10 days - if sooner to say so — The Indian Lads sent for Wabashas Band to come up & join them for this year for their Annuity —



## Thursday 12th Sept 1839

My Express returned this day from the Sioux

The Chief - Estetah Kenbah & the Inspectors not at that place - all his people to be at the payment but him & his family & some few friends —

Wah mach Sapsah & Shappahastah the Wah pankoota Chiefs - will be here on tomorrow or next day 13 or 14 ——

1 Little Crows Band arrived for payment

2 Lower Band also for payment

3 Good Roads Band also

4 Black Dogs Band in Hair

5 Lake Calhoun Band present

= Wah Kouta expected on the 13th —

= Wabashas Band & Lost uncertain ——

Long Talk this night with Moore & Weatherstone

## Friday 13th Sept

Paid in Excellent goods $10.000 —

Viz 1 To Sha Koopee (Satisfied) ——— $2006

2 To Big Thunder (not Satisfied) ~~Do~~ $1684

3 To Black Dog - (Satisfied) ~~Mistaked~~

4 To Good Road (Satisfied) — do —

5 + To Rocmecko (Satisfied) — — do

Wah Kouta ( ) in Store

Tahtapesaa ( ) in Store

The Indians spoke & said we are pleased with the goods but displeased to see men assist who are not our friends - we think you ought as there are officers enough in the Fort - have other Some of them to assist you — then proper speak all of us & of you - we are sorry they have any thing to do with our payment I explained

owing confidence both Mr Sibley & his young men — thus at my request they kindly assisted me — thus a heavy Debt & I thinked them = to pay for what was due them (and how I was that they had) they have no right to interfere with my business ——

Wah nac ton toh — Chief of Wah pe ton Sioux also Moosomonee 2d. called at the office — this latter receives no Annuities for Lands sold — so as custom rules I told them to call as at the Office on tomorrow Saturday, & I would make them & their people a present —

Kah ren ma doh kah & other Sappetons Sioux at the Agency. — Some rain this evening

## 1839 S. Saturday 14th Sept

Wah nac ton toh } Presents made —
Moosomonee — } Divided in nearly
The "Broken Arm" } equal portions ——

| | |
|---|---|
| 160 lbs Tob. — | 2 Dog Knives |
| 75 lbs Lead — | 500 gun flints |
| 2 lbs Powder — | 4 pr 3 pt Blankets |
| 1 pc Calico | 40 yards Strond Cloth |
| 3¼ lb Thread — | 2 Nests Tin Kettles |
| 2 Cotton — | 6 Calico Shirts — |
| 1 pr 1½ pt Blankets | 1 pr 2½ pt do |

The Chiefs did not sign or receipt — but as some object. I will not pay the Specie on Monday unless they do which is right and just to me & the government

The Allotment of goods as before stated was the best ever brought to this Agency — yet the Assortment varied too much from the Estimate and there were too many Colored cloths



## Sunday 15th Sept 1839 ——

I am engaged in Counting the money for the Wah pa koota & Sappetons Sioux to pay on tomorrow — Monday —

also Counting out in 7 Allotments the $10 in Specie to the Mucunwakantons

Viz. To Wah Ken ton kas Band
" " Mahzah koh tah . . .
" " Tah chunk wash tah .
" " Roc mocko — . . . .
" " Shakosper . . . .
" " Tah lapa saah . . .
" " Wah Kootah . . .

Total Amt $ 10.000

Sappetons & Wah pa kootas 1400

Grand Total $ 11.400

Wah ma du Sappah Chief of Wah pe koota came also Ah pa hoh tah — Same late & people ——
from Francis Sioux ——

Big Walker of the Sappeton Band also & Kahee ma doh kah — Brave & 30 or 40 men

I have my Rolls nearly some days past ——

Wah koota of Lake Pepin waited here in 3 days

Tah lapa saah Chief of Wabasha Band also waited for no particular News of him —

A man — by name Hays an Indian lost supposed killed — even reported to have been murdered by the Chief Wah Ken Tankah

No belief rests with me — I incline to the Opinion that his neighbour Phalen knows something — Hay lived with him & had money

## Monday 16 Sept 1839

The Indians all present to day except the two lower bands

Paid 5 Bands of Muckawakanten — $7408

Paid Wahpakoota & Sepetons — 1400

Paid 5 Bands Muckawakantons in goods — 7408

$16,206

all assembled satisfied —

Rolls witnessed by Capt Hoxie & H. H. Sibley Esq —

The Indians paid their Debts to all —

## Tuesday 17th Sept —

The Steamboat Pike again returned from Prairie Chien with 95 Recruits this with 84 landed at this Post her first trip makes 179 — in addition to our crew 125

304 Total

Sailed 5 P.M. with troops for St Peters

Letters & Papers by mail arr.

Letter from Gen Dodge saying the West of the Chippewa Chiefs not sanctioned to Washington by the Depr —

## Wednesday — 18

Wabashaw Band arrived for their Annuity many sick with fever & ague —

Call them together at the Office & pass a pay Roll we will pay them their money & goods on tomorrow

Steam Boat Pike left this day for the lower country —

Reported that the 3 soldiers who deserted from this Post some weeks since had been shot by some Indians in attempting to take their persons — Doubtfull



## Thursday Sept 19th 1839

Drew all the Powder from the Magazine as the Fort 157 Keg & half Keg —

Paid Wabashaw Band in presence of H H Sibley and others — Capt Hoxie act as Paymaster by special request of the Agent

I take all precautions, & attempt to see the payments fairly & justly made to the Indians in order to prevent censure — & to prevent reports false or any trouble hereafter — should any be made

Wahkoota arrived this day — Sent word of the sickness of some of his people & the death of one chief a small lake — that he would call on tomorrow. —

## Friday — 20th —

I found it proper to undeceive the officers of the Post — as to a report of my being the Austen Sibley Letter for this Post — they now understand I hope that I am neither directly nor indirectly concerned with Messrs Baker, & Dillon reporting also that when in Washington last winter — I applied for the Sutlery for this Post I never did apply — both statements are with fact or foundation. —

The Chiefs Wahkoota & eleven great Nogals & other persons assembled this day at the office & gave in a list of their property which were entered on the pay Roll pay on tomorrow — & the last of 7 Bands

Provisions in store to Wahkoota —

16 Bls Flour in Store for pay Roll

36 do. 70 Sacks 7 Bls Pork & beef

Wabashaw Band 16, Barrels Lake Calhoun

all now in Store at the disposal of the owners

## Saturday 21. Sept 1839

In pursuance of Capt Boyce as paymaster Agt. per the Agent. & Mr Schley Esq. witness - Pay Wahkerta Band of Sioux the 7th last

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| All Band Paid | Specie | 10.000 |
| | Goods | 10.000 |
| | Provisions | 5500 |
| | | $25500 |
| | Called Items | 4370 |
| | Carts wagons | 1419 |
| Annuity treaty of 1830 | | 1400 |
| Amt paid this year | | $32689 |

Sergt Stewart - informed me that Thayer a man who is a Soldier & a public Teamster asked when I was going below - if cattle Capt Stood on when - on being assured to - soon - He said Menk will grab him at the Peans. -

I felt amused at this - as the cause was that some of the Sioux - went over on the at evening & Scared him out of his Home - who he would give them no more whiskey - the House was not injured a Small opening in one Corner of a Loose Roof to scare him out which seemed easily effected & they entitled & helped themselves to a few gallons of whiskey -

## Sunday 22d

Mr Nicolet, & Lieut Fremont arrived this day from Devil Lake - 26 days in coming from the Mississi to that point 1265. miles up the Mississi River the Expedition struck for this usual place of dangerous resort for the Indians they met with no trouble fortunately on their whole route & no impediment to the successful labours opposed



them by the war Dept - their report to Congress will doubtless be full & interesting as well as highly useful & satisfactory -

## Monday 23d

The Indians - that is the Chiefs of all the 7. Bands met in Council this day & talked over their business -

& repeated their demands for the 2,000 in Specie out of their Provisions - & the $5,000 set apart for purposes of Education -

The Remarks & Decision of the Chiefs on this & the payment of their Annuity -

Big Thunder - appointed to speak -

After his clouds - suddenly the Bad Hail rose & unexpectedly said

My Father

I have some thing to say to the Soldiers we went over the River & got some whiskey & then turned the men off - he ran away If we did this you will have to pay for it it cant come out of our money - you told me to chase him (Menk) off so if any thing comes of it you must pay your money and not ours -

Said Mr Campbell gave him money to go over to get whiskey - &c -

I suppose that he was the first Red or white Man who had ventured to say I had a hand in his trip to Menks House - tho he said to the well knew better -

After the Council

I rec.d a note from Mr Prescott saying that some people from the other Side had induced the Bad Hail to say in Council that I sent him to Menks house to destroy his whiskey &c

The note came too late to be of use. in the Council -

## Tuesday 24th Sept 1839

Capt Stone of the St. leaves for Prairie du Chien with Norman the Mail carrier in a Bark Canoe —

Mr Sibley came over with a reply to my note of yesterday as to information received of the intention of some persons on the other side of the River to induce the Indians to say it was the Agent who told them to break up Mineral Establishments —

Wisconsin
Secession
Back State Debate

Passport granted to Forbes & others Aliens to pass into the Indian country on the Desmoines & Red Cedar —

## Wednesday 25 —

Closed all my A.C. accounts & will leave this on Saturday in company with Mr Nicolet should the Steam Boat not arrive —

Mr Nicolet & Lieut Fremont at the office this day — arrangements making to start —

The Chief Big Thunder, & his brave men called at the office — Pipe in favour of the Round winds who wishes to come back to his village & enjoy the annuities

Sent a message to H. H. Sibley for the Bonds of I Lafambroise & J B Faribault as I intend to close my official papers to the end of the year —

## Thursday 26th —

Mr Holton — Ponca Papers Claim completed — Short — Rencolfile Esq. called at the office on business — Papers also &



made Reports to the Agent of their proceedings &c — Mr Nicolet called also on business —

Gave a Pipe & Stem to H N Dillon presented by the "Round winds" of "Lac qui parle" —

The business pretty rapidly this day — abstracts Vouchers &c were under way — shall close on the 30 easy if no more Steers arrive in the Aud. hourly expected

## Friday 27th

A Barrel of Potatoes given to Mr Nicolet also a Bottle of Lemmon Syrup —

Mr Prescott calls at the Office —

Secret & Confidential from the Agent

Doct John Emerson & Maj J Plympton at the Office — when Maj P. said in conversation

"A Deed or grant of Lands to Jack Frazier a Dr blood of Red wings band of Sioux — of some 25 miles upon the Mississippi — was on the 25th inst — drawn up by Henry H Sibley Esq. Agt Am Fur Cpy at this Post — and signed on the said 25 day of Sept 1839 by the Chiefs & Head men of the Sioux Lake Pepin Band of Sioux — said to be for Valuable services rendered by the said Frazier to said Indians — in defending their country against their Enemies &c &c —

Note by the Agt

Precedents are dangerous & the first ought to profit by past imposition — the right of all soil is in the United States by right of Conquest the fee simple is in the Govt — & as long as the Indians have no right to give — grant — bargain or sell

Tricky Old Lady

the Any part of the territory of the United States to any person neither to Indians nor white persons except pursuant to the Constitution — If such things be countenanced — every half breed put up to it by designing whites & Speculators — will get the Indians to make to them grants of land upon the smallest pretext — and hundreds of cases will force their way before Congress — unless some Stop be put to it — & the Govt cannot act in this matter too soon —

Walks Shadow or the Dancer called on the Office to say that his Sons have found the body of a Mr. Hays lost some time ago — in the River near Carvers Cave —

Agency Stone Bluff
September 27th 1839

Mayor

I have sent the bearer (a good Indian) to go with the Gentlemen who are in quest of the identity of Mr. Hays Body — now in the water near Carvers old Cave — the Indian will conduct them to the Spot being so directed by his Chief — if requested so to do —

Very respectfully
your ob Servt
Lewis Saloupsorro
Indian Agent
At Stone Bluff

Major J. Plympton
U.S. Army
Cosmo E.
Lt. Snelling



Saturday 28th Sept 1839

Mr Phelan examined at the Company trading House by A.A. Sibley Esq J.P. as to the cause of the Death of John Hays — found with his head sawn & then broken near Carvers old Cave — Yes brother

Baldwin a Soldier Questioned but how far his Knowledge went to develope the facts in the case I am not apprised of. One thing the Chief the "Big Thunder" or any other Indian from the Nature of his wounds are not more even Suspicious — I so thought from the first

Some Hints from Samuel Findley — (while drunk) to day developes some Strange views & hidden intentions of some persons pur officers in the Fort to injure or to oppose Mr. H. N. Dillon — Mr Bakers partner in business — as Sutler at this Post —

Objections or exceptions are taken in his granting receipts for monies paid or received in Ofc of the firm —

Some officers to injure the prospects of the Sutler — and Away the men (aiming at the Sutler) direct the Men only to be trusted to half the amount of their pay — & keeping unmarked instructions on the Selling Establishment generally —

I had thought that when it was known that I had no interest in the Selling either directly or indirectly my luke warm friends would let them alone & Suspicious Structures & opposition cease — but not so things do not hint some Gentlemen yet —

I will give my opinion backed by the Judgement of others that it would be sound policy for the Dept of War to retain the Appointing Power as heretofore — for it is found to create insubordination — by Curtailing the powers of the long officers in the exclusive direction & Control over the general Operations of the Selling for the Troops & the Sutler

I acknowledge the foregoing remarks not to be within the legitimate sphere of my action but the most common observer cannot but see the bearings & effects of the present regulation in the hands of a Council of Administration

The Comy Officer must feel sensibly his powers of usefulness curtailed & his more cool & better judgement thwarted by his command

Doct Emerson, & all the hired men of the Agency as the Office - I propose the issue of Certificates to each to become thus pay to Sept 30. 1839. The men hurry & speedily -

Mr Nicollet left on his exploring tour down the Mississippi this day - I follow him on Monday or Tuesday thence the 8th Oct not arrived - Mr N.'s Observations will delay him 8 days between this Post & Prairie du Chien

## Sunday Sept 29th 1839

Nothing of importance transpired during this Day

My business is nearly at a close here

The Contract of Saml. Findley to the Indian Agent & present partner way to grop - as to compel his Findlays discharge - from the Store -

I never saw a Boy act more recklessly in my life - Drunk & abusing Mr Sibley - & myself as to my self I felt for the condition of the helpless ignorant fellow - having been his friend all his life (substantially) of course I took no advantage of his condition -

There is room enough in the woods for us and the worms that crawl - therefore to stand aside is as our Creator intends - the strong should do with the weak -



## Monday Sept 30. 1839

This day close up all offence papers & shall by the 2d of Oct have them ready for the Mail - & put in the packages & take the Post Master Certificate of deposite if a Post Master can be found at this Perplexed is doubtful - Both the Pst & Deputy being Absent at Prairie du Chiens -

Mr Anderson sent in Sibley & Stambaughs Bal. owing y. ap 23.71 + 29 cts for 2 pr paper

paper 29

$24:00

I am charged with 1 Bl. Pork 1 flour 40

Said to be given to Mrs Campbell which She positively denies having rec.d

Mr Quin says his family did not get any as stated to Mr A. by Mr Findley - he

I have determined not to pay this balance of $24 untill the $40 improperly chgd me is settled

The Sioux Calhoun Band sold 10 Bls. Flour 120

I send 26 Bls of Potatoes to Mr Pierces cellar to store for the winter & sell at $1. pr Bushel

It is reported by an Indian that a white man Express from Prairie du Chien arrived at The Company House with letters for Mr Sibley

As late at 8 P.M. I hear no confirmation of this or the arrival - Nor have we news of our

Regular Mail - The Post Master S. C. Stambaugh is not a resident of this Post & his Deputy is a Foreigner (N. Hillsory) & he is absent as before remarked - on business at Prairie du Chiens - The Indians preparing to go on to the Desmoines to pass the winter -

Mr Sibley was to accompany them -

# Tuesday Octor 1st 1839 —

The Indians destined for their hunt on the Des moines have generally departed for the place of Rendezvous high up on Cannon River — The Wahpaakoota County being on the Sac & Fox boundary — the Sisseton & Meccawakantons — have joined & 200 hunters go on to the Des moines

Certificates for Pay for hired men of the Agency made out & signed this day —

All copies of Contracts furnished them —

Mr Gideon Pond — a note from him saying the Indians of Lake Calhoun called on him Bullcloud one of their worst called "No heads of tomorrow" is the Indians motto —

## Wednesday 2d —

Balance of Certificates, & Contracts returned Also — all Agts & Annual Reports — under the Laws & Regulations of the Dept

Closed Sealed & nailed for the Post Office

Indians constantly calling to know when I leave the considerate men feel that they lose an old friend — but say "you will return to us next Spring we can't think you will leave us forever" —

Healy Smith & left

1. Oliver Farribault Farmer
2. Louis Martin — do
3. Peter Quinn — do
4. J. Hollow — do
5. S. F. Denton do
6. J D Stevens do
7. G H Pond do

Orders on Land Ploughing Building Indian Farms &c &c

. Ol Cadotte 1837 Pts
. Ol. Rusaco 1837 Pts
. Jos Reuscho 1830 Apt
. John Short 1837 At
. Wm Manny 1837 At
. An Papin 1830. Pts

Orders left as to division of Labor



Yesterday & this day fine weather —

Lieut Thomson out surveying the Public Reservation under the orders of Maj I Plympton Comdg —

I learnt by accident that J B Faribault has been up the St Peters — cutting by contract 500 Cords of wood for private use — Consent of the Chief of Lower village said to have been obtained — when questioned by other Indians — he reported he was cutting for the use of the Troops — (this is mere report I will see)

## Thursday Oct 3d 1839

Smoky weather — (Indian Summer) this early —

Mr N. W. Kittson arrived from Pembina on Chien last evening Brings news of Capt Lynde being on his way with the Mail for this Post — he here in a day or two at most —

A Steam Boat has come up as high as Chippewa River & returned — what Boat is not sure — we look for the Anne or Pavillion here daily —

I shall remain here for the Boat & for the Mail until the morning of the 8th Tuesday when should there be no Boat I leave in Canoes with or in company with the Mail for Pembina on Chien —

I mailed all my Accounts, & Reports this day & obtained the Certificate of the Post Master to that effect under the "Additional Rules & Regulations" of the Dept of date the 23d of March. —

a/c

Capt Lynde of the 5th who had been sent for to attend the Court convened for the trial of Capt Gideon Low of the 5th returned to his Company & Post this day from Fort Snelling —

Thursd

Mr Bird who left in quest of a trunk of Value placed in charge of Samuel C Stambaugh at Pembina returned also without success His Money $300 in Specie & Clothes are unaccounted for

Mr. Birds instituted Suit & laid his Damages at $2,000 for the recovery of his trunk & its contents from Saint S. B. Slambaugh – This transaction bears upon its face a strange appearance and if Mr. Slambaugh wants a word reputation with the public than he at present enjoys he will see the trunk & its contents speedily forthcoming & returned to the poor man

## Friday Oct 4th 1839

Shakopee & Aunosenaseah – Chiefs called at the Office & left their Pipe – with the following requests – 1. Aunosenaseah a 2d medal in place of the one stolen from him in 1837 Nov. on board S.B. Rolla homeward bound.

1. Flag – as have been promised
1. Chiefs coat to each
1. Eagle Flag to Shakopee – They spoke as to the 26 flags promised by the Sec of War in Sept 1837. which had not been received by the Chiefs of the Delegation do –

I have to buy two shirts – a kettle 2 knives &c $7 – as a private present

No Public letters by this Mail for the Agency (Chiefs) one from Mrs. T – to her Brother – believing I have left this Post for Beaufort –

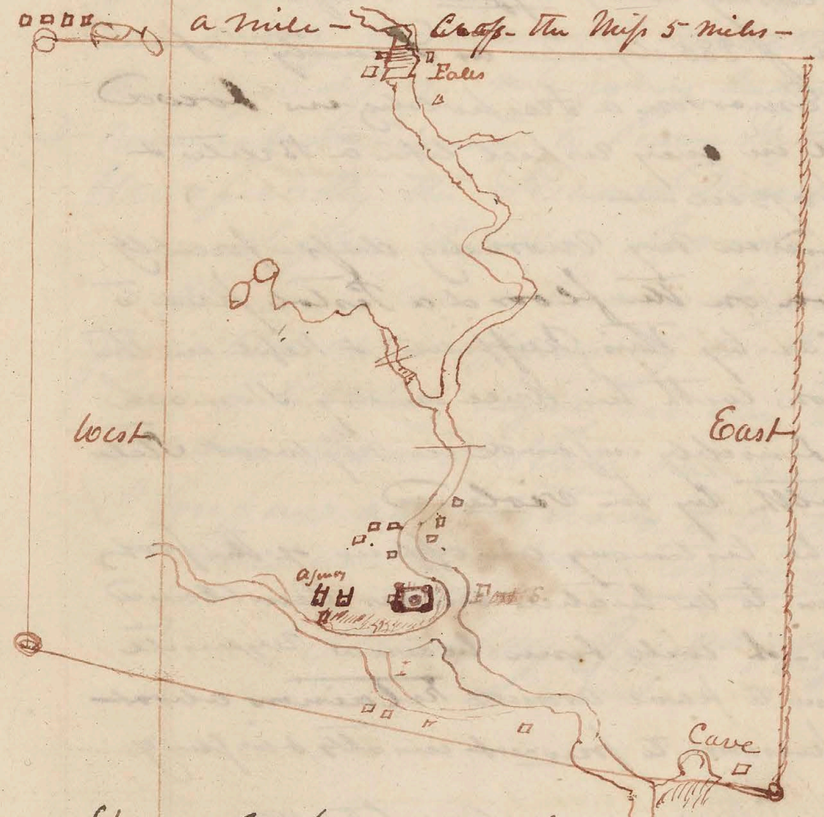
Jacob Faulstum returned this evening from Lapointe Lake Superior – He only got $1250 of the half Bonds money for his large family of Seven Claimants – $100,000. distributed under the treaty of 1837. with the Chippewas –

Mr. Martin McLeod expected in 4 days He has my Claim for $125 on the Chippewa but if I get any thing – I may thank the Comm. Lucius Lyon – for exertions with he made to defeat my Claim



## Saturday Oct 5th 1839

Lieut Thompson is engaged in marking the lines for the Military Reservation around Fort Snelling – from Mississippi 5 miles up the St Peters – then west to Lake Harriet 7 miles – then along Lake Harriet to the Lake of the Isles – thence to the Portage Landing & above the Falls 1/4 of a mile – Crossing the Miss 5 miles –




Henry C. Mink an Alien, & a Subject of Her Britannic Majesty – I was taken into custody by this man as Special Deputy Sheriff – by John W Griffeth appointment – as Sheriff of Clayton County at the Suit of James Clute of Wisconsin Damages $2000 – Bail $280 – for Damages to said Clute – which injury I suppose to some Indians who passed over the River from Iowa on the & took a cup & eight or 10 gallons of whiskey from the possession of Henry C Mink the said acting Deputy of the said Griffeth – I am falsely imprisoned for the acts of drunken Indians – & the whole process is unfounded & illegal in the proceedings against me. –

A military force asked for & Henry C Mencke
a Subject of her Britanic Majesty sent
out of the Indian Country—
This foreign Deputy Sheriff kept me in Custody
for 9. hours— without producing a Bond
the Security was refused & refused— He
wanted $280 deposited as Security— refused
Doctor Emerson a Freeholder in Iowa
& acted in every respect like a Brute &
an Assassin—
I was seized in my Morning dress— forcibly
thrown on the floor & a Pistol put to
my Ear by this Ruffian, & kept in this
position with his Knee on my Stomach
& was sensibly injured in my weak State
of health by his violence
If upon such testimony an officer of the Govt
is thus to be treated under Sanction
of law— it will soon become dangerous
for them to have armed Retainers about
their persons— to prevent insults, & injury—

Sunday Oct 6th 1839—

Nothing of unfortunate occurred
during all this day—
Jos R Brown Traders has come
Shew himself at the Agency
Brown Mencke & Clark—
are disposed to insure me all
possible help— it went all day
I shall write to the Sec of War
& hold on to my Commission
as an act of Justice the Govt will
take no advantage of my resignation



Monday October 7th 1839.

I had written several letters by the mail
which leaves on tomorrow—
to Sec of War recalling my letter of resignation
to Gov Lucas on same subject & as to
my arrest by Henry C Mencke— on account
the necessity of my going below from
+ Confusion —— to Peau Laporte ——
Unexpectedly the Steamer Demoine heave
in Sight this day Goods from news
It saves me a Canoe trip— down
Agricultural implements &c. from
Alex I Pitchlyn keeps under lock & key of 1838
also Iron & Steel but no files ——
I foresee all obstacles to supply for the
Indians to begin on tomorrow ——
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Tuesday Oct 8th 1839 ——


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Sir,

In compliance with the revised Regulations of the Indian Department. I have the honor (as it may be my task) to Submit the following Report relative to the Condition of the Several Schools under Missions within this Agency.

State of the Schools.

The Report of the Rev Riggs of "Lac qui parle" ~~forwarded~~ enclosed presents the most flattering prospects of any other Stations of the five mentioned in my last Annual ~~Report~~ Amadis upon these institutions introduced for the amelioration of the Condition of the Several tribes of Sioux within this Agency. without ~~any~~ assistance from the Government or from funds set apart by Indian treaties this remote Enterprise of the Am B of Foreign Missions has steadily progressed and grown into more importance under the discreet management of its founder the Rev T W Williamson Man was embarked by the best friends of the Board. —

## Report of Lewis Dallapenna. Schools & Missions

In compliance with the Revised Regulations of the Indian Department - I have the honor to Submit the following Report - relative to the Condition of the Several Schools & Missions within this Agency —

### State of the Schools & Missions

My last Annual Report gave to the Office a Return of five Mis. Stations, and Schools within this Agency. and that the prospects of all were more of a flattering - like the Streams which move on a place towards the Ocean - there increased and decreased as the ebb & flow - ~~of the~~ of the uncertain golden Current tends upwards or downwards ~~on the face human family~~ with the fluctuations of time - The most favorable report I am enabled to present for the information and friendly consideration of the Office - is the one at Lac qui parle - this establishment ought to be encouraged and as it is not sustained in whole or in part by any funds set apart in any Indian treaty or by the appropriation act for the Civilization of the Indians tribes I hope the ~~Am B~~ Agents of the Am B. for foreign Missions may secure a liberal donation from the Annual fund for Civilization - the means would be produced by appropriated for the improvement of the condition of the upper Sioux by Messrs Williamson and Riggs - whose Sacrifice and devotion in the cause of human improvement has not been surpassed by any Sem

Hon J R Poinsett
Sec of war
My dear Sir

North western Agency Rock Island
Iowa Territory Aug 27. 1839

When in Washington last fall you did me the honor to have confidence in me as a man and as a public officer, and sustained me against evil disposed persons. for this disinterested act of justice, and practical evidence of your good opinion. he appends that you have not a friend on Earth who will ever remain more grateful. I asked to be sustained, and was sustained - perhaps beyond my poor deserts. Yet there remains for your earnest consideration a species of support which must your agents of its wholesome influences, and there are undoubtedly no longer of use to the Indians or the Government. I allude to the early, prompt, and correct fulfilment of all treaty stipulations with the Indian tribes - when these special objects fail to be attended to in due season. the situation of the agent becomes one of extreme difficulty and even of danger (however much he may be generally esteemed & confided in. all Indians from their peculiar habits, and notions of things. cannot be expected to think exactly alike. they believe every thing possible to the activity & sagacity of the white man, and of course will not understand why their funds are not appended as directed & forwarded in the Spring season of River Navigation.

It is now the 27th of August and this agency has not received as usual its annual allotment of funds, and the fiscal year expires on the 30th of next month. September. The $10.000 in goods under the 4th Clause of the treaty of 1837. it is true have been received, and stored. but it is with the deep regret. I find the requisition of the Indians for Guns has not been filled by 200 and some of the goods not such as they require. I feared this would last year and so did the Chiefs of the Sioux. I caused their people to receive the goods of last fall wholly unsuited to their wants. by promising in the most



positive manner that they should not only be better supplied this year for their money. but that they might expect their supplies as early as the 1st of June.

The Chiefs received the goods. but said "if we take these goods. you must go on East or to Stories & lay out our money yourself. then we shall be sure our people will be satisfied" I remarked at the time that they might not satisfied that all would be arranged to their satisfaction. Maj Plympton expressed the same opinion. being present at the fragment of the Annuity. we have all been sadly disappointed. and I regret to say I have been threatened covertly & even openly with a dispensation. one Chief remarked that though. he knew it was not my fault. yet if "he had been supposed that the year would thus pass have passed without the fulfilment of these treaty stipulations & business generally he & others would have sent some other persons to the President to see them their properly dealt by" —

As early as the 15th of July when there have been eight or ten arrivals & departures of Steam Boats I felt my situation unpleasantly here on hearing nothing from any quarter as to either receipt or shipment of the annual supplies for this Post. and an apprehension the present result. induced on that date the resignation of this Agency. — I did so upon the score of ill health. but I had other reasons for the step which are now commencing. that my resignation has created great uneasiness, and dissatisfaction in this quarter. is daily being developed. but under all the circumstances of my peculiar position here without a prospect of either relief or a change it is not seen how I could do otherwise. —

Hon J. R. Poinsett
Sec of War -
My dear Sir.

North western Agency Sten
Iowa Territory August 27th 1839.

It is most true that my health is gone, and I despair of its restablishment on this side the grave - which induces me on the 16th ultimo to say that under the present regulations of the Dept - I had on the 15 of July forwarded to the office of Indian Affairs the resignation of my public trust at this Post.

All the reasons for this step were not embraced in the official papers then forwarded which had operated upon my minde in coming to the conclusion therein expressed

I have hopeds to have been spared the pain of troubling the Dept of war with any other reasons - yet it is due to this office & more especially to those of the ~~Indian~~ Commissioner of Indian Affairs as connected with its future course of policy, and efficiency, as an integral part of the Department under your Supervision & Control - to say that during the years 1838, and 1839 - it seemed seems that it had become over burthened with official responsibility too onerous for the Head of a single individual -

I have not been hesitated in my position here with the Indians - the mere fact of the receipt of $1500 by the Agent for his services here is nothing in comparison ~~to what~~ with that ~~is justly~~ which is due to them - and imperatively demanded to be fulfilled in the most prompt - efficient and satisfactory manner in order to harmonize all conflicting interests - thereby paying home to the good faith justice and magnanimity of the government all is now lost so far as these essential objects may have been intended to be effected for the sake of confidence peace, & good order among ~~with~~ the tribes - My private means are exausted and cannot longer prop the falling influence of the office of Indian Affairs - and under such a



System of neglect it is more than my weight of character, or influence with the Indians can reasonably be expected to stand an questioned by every one. -

A fine opportunity is afforded the enemies of the Department (or tending to the government) to tamper with the feelings of the ignorant - to make invidious comparisons - on the subject of dispensing - to reflect upon the indolence of the public authorities, and the total disregard of the wants & interests of the tribes - that they cant have the control of their own money for their own benefit - that the first is cheating them and that they are fools to let it & permit this - why dont they ~~ask for~~ demand their money & let them traders give them such goods as are known to suit their purposes &c &c -

The close of the fiscal year is at hand, and it is but too true that I stand thus near its ~~close~~ termination as destitute of means as at its commencement - and not one word from any quarter as to when there will be remedies, or where to be had. -

I would say as at present organized the whole System of Indian Supplies is radically wrong - and worse considered and shows upon fence it to - and ask how this system can be amended or obviated? - an answer is ready. - Confine the whole System to the proper officers of the Department - under regulations short and explicit - and the business is done - you have Agents and Superintendents in ~~all~~ abundance if properly assigned to tribes and no functionaries there for purposes of emolument - I am at a loss to conceive how it has happened that the Depot at Stonin has been referred again and again as a depot for supplies - here lie is the head in the whole to all contracts & supplies of transportation &c for years to come for all the tribes on the tributaries of the great Mississippi & Missouri & other important sections of Indian territory - The God of Nature has stamped this irresistible fact upon his heavenly work for the benefit of his people - if they will but see it as developed -

I am urged on all sides to still remain in charge of the affairs of the Service - by almost every person having an interest in the Country - by the Military - by those connected with me in the dept and more especially by all the Chiefs, and braves of every tribe attached to this Agency. It may be flattering to me to be thus pressed by every description of persons, and it cannot be deemed but that I ~~to~~ feel under many obligations for this spontaneous burst of feeling in opposition to my departure from among them - Yet under all these circumstances, and entertaining the views before expressed I regret from my heart that want of System, and regularity in the prompt fulfilment of treaty stipulations and a later, disregards of the wants of the Indians as set forth in the Annuals Requisitions, and Estimates - faithfully prepared under the direction of the Chiefs by this office as a special guide in the opening of proposals for Indian supplies - it has wholly fourd it, it is not seen how an Agent ~~can~~ under such a combination of evils - which really have, and do still exist - can be of service either to the government or the Indians -

One words more, and I have done - Consolidate your officers - receiving and disbursing Agents wholly for the Indians - cause them to concentrate on the 15th of April at St Louis annually, and there receive and transport the annuities & treaty stipulations of every description to their respective Agencies - call the tribes together and pay them - this should be completed on or before the 10th of June - this rule enforced with never fail satisfaction to all and save a heavy expense in transportation and at the later season - I surrender to no man in the cause of devotion to my country best interests - in this the Indians have their full share -

Your letter of the 1st has just been received relative to the Rev. A Bronson's communication to the Dept in which it presumed I have been a freely misrepresented to the Dept. as in the one from him to this Office, and to which the enclosed paper is my reply to him —

The Dept may rest assured that I have ever done at all times & on all occasions do pursue every honorable position to all the Missionary establishments within this agency, and shall feel disposed to meet the views of the Government in this particular during the short period of my sojourn here — but I shall object to dictation from any of these Gentlemen — Nor will I submit to be misrepresented or Priest ridden without proving a "Rowlands for their Olivers"

The conflict now raging between the Gov. & the fur traders of the N. West the one to secure to the Indians against fraud Robbery & such Misery — the other by every means inhuman & devilish to get hold of their Money — will in brief space of time other & more formidable rupturs on our frontiers than we have as yet undergone —