

I cannot say Sir how much of the above may be depended on I believe however that the statement made by the Chiefs is generally correct particularly with regard to the present disposition of the Indians--It is certain that our frontiers have never enjoyed more profound tranquility than at this time--No injury of any kind that I can hear of has been done either to the persons or property of our citizens--before the expedition not a fortnight passed over without some (smear) depredation being committed.

I am sorry to inform you that three of our wounded men have died in the General Hospital since I last wrote-and several have had their limbs taken off-The difficulty which is experienced in healing many of the wounds which appear at first of no great consequence has excited in Doct. Fosters mind as well as my own a suspicion that some of the balls were poisoned it is certain that most of them were chewed before they were inserted into their rifles for the purpose of enlarging the wound and lacerating the contiguous flesh--I saw myself numbers of these in the pouches that were taken from the dead Indians--The Kickapoo chiefs certainly tell an untruth when they say that there were but eleven of their tribe killed and ten wounded--It is impossible to believe that fewer were wounded than killed--They acknowledge however that the Indians have never before sustained so severe a defeat since their acquaintance with the white people.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Sir your Humble Sert.

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