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Sir

I had the honour this moment to receive your favour of the 8th Inst. 9- I am perfectly convinced that nothing can be more correct than the opinion you have given of the nature and extent of the warfare that is or will be carried on upon the frontiers of the Territories--I will at least guarantee that no attempt in force will be made on the Wabash, nor do I believe that any other than light parties will invest the Illinois--Dixon if he has artillery may attempt to carry one of the posts on the Mississippi, or perhaps attack some of the exposed villages, but I rather suppose that he will not descend lower than Prairie de Chien. There is no object that would authorise the risk, or there would be great difficulty to persuade the Indians to attack posts & villages in any other way than by treachery. I am perfectly acquainted with the Wabash & Illinois Indians & I am fully persuaded that since the departure of Tecumseh & his brother from that quarter the larger part will remain neutral. Such is the activity of these people in the kind of warfare which they carry on upon the frontiers, that a very few can do a great deal of mischief. I ascertained that seven of those scoundrels killed no less than thirty odd of our people (men, women, & children) in the course of a few weeks of the Spring 1812.