

my, should they make their appearance. If they defeat us, we will then retreat with our father.

At the battle of the Rapids, *last war*, the Americans certainly defeated us, and when we retreated to our father's fort, at that place, the gates were shut against us. We were afraid that it would now be the case; but instead of that, we see our British father preparing to march out of his garrison.

*Father.* You have got the arms and ammunition which our great father sent for his red children. If you have any idea of going away, give them to us and you may go and welcome. For us, our lives are in the hands of the Great Spirit; we are determined to defend our lands; and if it is his will, we wish to leave our bones upon them.

*Amerstburgh, Sept. 1813.*

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The following interesting extract of a letter, was written by a capt. of the British dragoons, (addressed to his parents in England) and found among gen. Proctor's papers—and we are assured by an officer in the army, that it was found with a *broken seal*:—probably having been intrusted to a distinguished officer of the British army, who fearing it might contain something concerning his own conduct, his curiosity led him to examine its contents.