

Much greater and certain evils are yet to be apprehended, arising from another source, which is this :

5. *The scarcity of game for food*, must cause suffering among the Indians, and a world of trouble to the frontier settlers. Where will the Indian go to get any thing to feed his children, but to the frontier for the cattle of the settlers for food? and this will cause war and bloodshed.

The game is being killed more and more every year. It is computed by recent travellers in the buffalo country, that this game alone is killed at the rate of one hundred thousand every year, by trappers and the Indians, for their hide and tongues, which are sold to traders on the Upper Missouri. Game of all kinds is disappearing this side of the Rocky Mountains. Twelve years ago we could go seventy-five miles West of Dubuque, Iowa, on the Mississippi, for game of every kind up to buffalo ; now, I travelled last summer four hundred miles West of the above mountains towards the Missouri River, and found no game of any kind ! When, by force of circumstances, the Indian is obliged to live on the cattle of the frontiers—as soon as the first bullock is killed, the cry will be heard, “ The Indians are coming on us.” The answer will be, “ To arms, to arms,” and the soldiery of the United States must be sent to go and