

"they shall not be forgotten by their Great Father — may by  
"me — Take courage my children! be strong, and may the  
"Great Spirit preserve you on the day of Battle (He the  
"bloody belt was preserved)

By His Excellency's Command signed George Prevost  
Governor in Chief  
Mat Fraw  
Military Secretary

The Black Hawk in continuation said

"This concerns me that, you only repeated the words of our  
Great Father when you spoke to us, and I believed that  
a happy day was at hand — On receiving this Tom-  
hawk (pointing to the belt, the same that is mentioned in the  
foregoing speech) I thought to myself rising, and becoming  
a great man; exceeding all my brethren in magnitude,  
like a pine tree in the forest, higher and stronger than  
all around me; proud of the confidence reposed in me,  
I arose from my seat and flew with your parole to my  
countrymen, repeated to them what I had heard, and  
showed them what I had got — they jumped and made  
the hills echo their shouts of joy — our wives and children  
soured in the war song when I told them the good news,  
that ere long they would be happy — You know, M'Henry, that  
I do not tell lies, for when you arrived at Tibesauguee you  
dispatched this warrior (pointing to one of his brave men) to my  
village with ammunition, it arrived like lightning, and  
immediately after you took the fort at Tibesauguee from  
the Big Knives — I afterwards sent you the news of our  
having burnt two large canoes with a great many big guns  
in them; which you know is true: I was neither idle, or  
lazy; my young men took the hair off, from a great many  
Big Knives heads: we made some slaves and took them  
to

Mat Fraw

the foregoing  
speech

For M'Henry

gun boats

scalps

of prisoners

For M'Henry to your fire at Tibesauguee — You know (pointing to  
the warrior) that, when you was left in charge of our  
Great Father's Fort at Tibesauguee, I sent you a paper to  
inform you that the river was full of the Big Knives canoes;  
full of warriors, and loaded with great guns — The a part of  
a night long you sent was like thunder: we killed a sixty Big Knives and  
boats amounting twelve guns, made the remainder row down the river with all their  
might —

Great Father — I have now told you what I heard, and what I have  
done during the war, of which you cannot be ignorant —  
Our situation, and what has happened to us since that time,  
I am now going to relate: be cheerful, and listen to the story  
of your children —

Great Father — At the moment we were enjoying ourselves in dancing  
these bad spirits — when they were becoming pale & trembling  
with fear, and we were driving them away from their corn  
fields on the River Mepourie and counting them wives, a  
sudden shock reached my ears — You (pointing to Captain  
Anderson) washed the great Tomahawk, changed its colour,  
and made the bloody hatchet a pipe of peace — You told  
me that our Great Father and the Big Knives had taken  
each other by the hand, and smoked the pipe of peace, and  
that it was his desire that all his and children should  
bury the hatchet, smoke with their creditors, live as brethren  
with all the people of their own colour: plant corn: hunt:  
and they would be happy!

Great Father — At this news, I many times rubbed my eyes, and I closed  
my ears, before I could believe what I saw, or what I heard:  
but after thinking and smoking my pipe, I recollected the  
words of our Great Father, and believe that he had so  
much frightened the Big Knives that, they consented to  
give up our hands, without their losing any more of their hearts  
I arose from my seat, smoked the pipe, and believe I should  
soon