

"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 (Here the
"bloody belt was presented)

By His Excellency's Command

signed George Prevost
Governor in Chief

Met From

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
joined in the war song when I told them the good news,
that ere long they would be happy — You know, M'Kay, that

I do not tell lies, for when you arrived at Tibesauguee you
dispatched this warrior (pointing to one of his housemen) 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

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to your fire at Tibesauguee — You know (pointing to
the same thing) that, when you were left in charge of our
Great Father's Fort at Tibesauguee, I sent you a pipe to
inform you that the river was full of the Big Knives' canoes;
six hundred full of warriors, and loaded with great guns — The a great number
of you sent was like thunder: we killed a sixty Big Knives and
boats mounting made the remainder row down the river with all their
might —

Great Father — I have now told you what I have done, 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 courteous, and listen to the story
of your children —

Great Father — At the moment we were enjoying ourselves in destroying
these bad spirits — when they were becoming pale and 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:
with twelve stars, 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 red 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 cleaned
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 believed that he had so
much frightened the Big Knives that, they consented to
give up our hands without their losing any more of their hands:
I arose from my seat, smoked the pipe and believed I should

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