

*From Governor W. H. Harrison.*

VINCENNES, Sep. 17, 1811.

"\*\*\*\*\* states that almost every Indian from the country above this had been, or were then gone to Malden on a visit to the British agent. We shall probably gain our destined point at the moment of their return. If then the British agents are really endeavouring to instigate the Indians to make war upon us, we shall be in their neighbourhood at the very moment when the impressions which have been made against us are most active in the minds of the savages.

"\*\*\*\*\* succeeded in getting the chiefs together at Fort Wayne, though he found them all preparing to go to Malden. The result of the council discovered that the whole tribes (including the Weas and Eel rivers, for they are all Miamies) were about equally divided in favor of the Prophet and the United States. Lapoussier, the Wea chief, whom I before mentioned to you as being seduced by the Prophet, was repeatedly asked by \*\*\*\*\* what land it was that he was determined to defend with his blood; whether it was that which was ceded by the late treaty or not, but he would give no answer.

"\*\*\*\*\* reports that all the Indians of the Wabash have been, or now are, on a visit to the British agents at Malden. He has never known one fourth as many goods given to the Indians as they are now distributing. He examined the share of one man (not a chief) and found that he had received an elegant rifle, 25 pounds of powder, 50 pounds of lead, 3 blankets, 3 strouds of cloth, 10 shirts and several other articles. He says every Indian is furnished with a gun (either rifle or fusil) and an abundance of ammunition. A trader of this country was lately in the king's stores, at Malden, and was told that the quantity of goods for the Indian department, which had