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Explanation. Tuumtha and the other Chiefs
requested Gen. Proctor & myself to meet them
in Council, which took place on the 17th
Sept. When Tuumtha in the name of the
whole delivered a speech the purpose
of which was to call on the General for
information of his intentions, and to urge
his making a stand with the Indians & the
physical force of the country at Amherstburg
before he retreated, stating that until we
were beaten it would be impolitic to
give ground. On the 19th the General returned
his answer, in which he stated that it was
not his intention to leave the District, but
only to fall back to the River Thames at
Chatham where he would be out of the trap,
he was determined to make a stand, to
this place he invited them to accompany him

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