

the Blackbird, speaker to the Bastard, the Ottawa Chief, will shew His Excellency the treatment his people have received from the Americans, and he says what was done on the 8th was done in the heat of the action.

Address from Blackbird, Speaker to the Bastard, an Ottawa Chief, to W. Claus, D.S.G., 15th July, 1813.

BROTHER,—At the foot of the rapids, last spring, we fought the Big Knives, and we lost some of our people. When we retired, the Big Knives got some of our dead. They were not satisfied with having killed them, but cut them into small pieces. This made us very angry. My words to my people were, as long as the powder burnt to kill and scalp, but those behind us came up and did mischief.

BROTHER,—Last year at Chicaga and St. Joseph's the Big Knives destroyed all our corn. This was fair, but they did not allow the dead to rest. They dug up their graves, and the bones of our ancestors were thrown away, and we could never find them to return them to the ground.

BROTHER,—I have listened with a good deal of attention to the wish of our father. If the Big Knives, after they kill people of our colour, leave them without hacking them to pieces, we will follow their example. They have themselves to blame. The way they treat our killed and the remains of those that are in their graves to the west, makes our people mad when they meet the Big Knives. Whenever they can get any of our people into their hands they cut them like meat into small pieces. We thought white people were Christians. They ought to show us a better example. We do not disturb their dead. What I say is known to all the people present. I do not lie.

BROTHER,—It is the Indian custom when engaged to be very angry, but when we take prisoners to treat them kindly.

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