

Folles Avoines, and Winnebagoes from Green Bay, and M. Toussaint Pothier arrived from Montreal in the capacity of agent for the Southwest Fur Company. An express was sent to require assistance from the agents of the Northwest Company at Fort William, and on the ninth day after its departure they answered by their presence, bringing with them nearly 200 engagés. Amable Chevalier, an Ottawa chief of influence, who had recently returned from lower Canada to reside at L'Arbre Croche, volunteered his services and succeeded in assembling a considerable number of his tribesmen. Pothier observed that "they appeared very lukewarm, and after a great deal of prevarication reluctantly agreed to join the expedition. The other Indians were unanimous, particularly the Western Indians, whose animated example had great influence upon the others."

The garrison of Mackinac was absolutely taken by surprise and surrendered without resistance on the 17th of July. The Indians are stated to have behaved in the most exemplary manner. Captain Roberts wrote:

It is a circumstance, I believe, without precedent and demands the greatest praise for all those who conducted the Indians, that although these people's minds were much heated, yet as soon as they heard the capitulation was signed they all returned to their canoes, and not a drop of either man's or animal's blood was spilt till I gave an order for a certain number of bullocks to be purchased for them.

John Askin, an officer in the Indian department, declared that "since the capitulation they have not drunk a drop of liquor nor even killed a fowl belonging to any person (a thing never known before), for they generally destroy everything they meet with."

After the fall of Mackinac, Dickson returned to Green Bay to collect a larger body of warriors whom he dispatched to Brock's assistance, partly in canoes and partly overland. They arrived at Detroit too late to take any part in the military operations which led to the surrender of that place.

The Ottawas, however, continued to waver, and were even suspected of forming a conspiracy to seize Fort Mackinac and exterminate the British garrison.

During the winter Elliot had sent a message to the Indians on the Wabash urging them to desist from further hostilities, and about the 14th of June he received a formal reply from Techkumthai, the "Shawanese of no note" mentioned in Gen-