

such entries as: "delivered the letters from the Illinois with those I wrote, to the commanding officer to forward by the express who sets off directly with the monthly returns. They are forwarded by soldiers to Shippensburgh, where they are put in the Post Office and forwarded to Philadelphia. The returns are made up the 24th of every month."

On the 25th, "Kayashuta came to see me with Mitchell the interpreter. I inquired of him whether he would be willing to go down with me to Fort Chartres. He said he had no objection, but that he must first go and see his family at the White Mingo Town; he would go and warm the hearts of his nation and know how things stood with them. For this purpose he wanted a couple of bottles of rum. He says that the Indians along the river are friendly except the Ouatomies, who endeavour to make uneasiness. He will inform me of what passes among his people as soon as he returns, which will be shortly."

On the 26th the diary begins to speak of employing men for the batteau-service, and other preparations for loading the boats to go down the river. Among the freight were "a number of casks of liquors." The 28th found the cargo going into the two boats, and bakers making biscuit. "Much troubled with a set of unruly fellows of Ballcummen." The boats got off the next day "with a favourable current and plenty of water."

We meet with the Indians again on the 30th, when "Captain Murray had a conversation with Kayashuta, the white