The Des Moines River in 1721

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there will be withdrawn to Fort Crawford, and will form a part of the gar-
risson of that post.

The public stores at Fort Atkinson will be removed or sold, as may be
found expedient under the circumstances.

By order of Bvt. Major General Twiggs:

D. C. Buell,

II. Fort Atkinson being no longer required for military purposes, the
garrison has already been withdrawn.

Fort Crawford, being also no longer required, the commanding officer
of the 6th Department has been authorized to withdraw the companies
composing the garrison, and to assign them to such stations on the frontiers
as he may judge expedient. The quarters and other public property per-
taining to the Post will be disposed of by the responsible departments of
the Staff.

By order: 

R. Jones,
Adjt. Genl.

THE DES MOINES RIVER IN 1721.

The Moingona issues from the midst of an immense
meadow which swarms with buffalos and other wild beasts.
Its course from north to west is said to be two hundred and
fifty leagues in length. It rises from a lake, and is said to
form a second, at the distance of fifty leagues from the first.
Turning to the left from the second lake we enter into Blue
river, so called from its bottom which is an earth of that
color; it discharges into St. Peter's. Going up the Moingona, we find great plenty of pit coal; one hundred and fifty
leagues from its mouth there is a very large cape, which
causes a turn in the river, where its waters are red and stink-
ing. It is said that great quantities of mineral stones and
some antimony have been found upon this cape.—Char-
levoix, Kaskaskia, Oct. 20, 1721.