

there will be withdrawn to Fort Crawford, and will form a part of the garrison of that post.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,
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
NO. 19. }

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, March 30, 1849.

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 *Fort Atkinson* being no longer required for military purposes, the garrison has already been withdrawn.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 pertaining 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 stinking. It is said that great quantities of mineral stones and some antimony have been found upon this cape.—*Charlevoix, Kaskaskia, Oct. 20, 1721.*

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