

Calais Decr 29th 1851

In consequence of some apprehension that Small pox had broke out among the Indians Encamped on Carleois Island, Big lake, Mr Avery requested me to visit the place and report the facts to him together with such measures as were necessary to be adopted in the Circumstances.

I accordingly visited the Island on the 1st inst, where I found seven camps in all inhabited by about thirty indians — one camp had been allotted to the Sick, in which I found two suffering from Small pox.

Three were reported to have died and one to have recovered — The face of the latter bore ample testimony to his having had the disease —

The indians seemed distressed, and from the alarm existing through the country around, were unable to pursue their usual route for food —

Having vaccinated and rendered them
such other medical assistance as the
circumstances admitted of, I returned and
recommended to Mr Avery to station
some intelligent man, who had had small
pox, upon the island, with instructions to
confine the sick to the camp already
occupied by them, ^{with a nurse,} to prevent all others
of the community from visiting this camp,
to keep all on the island who had been
exposed to infection and also to prevent
others' approaching it from abroad.

He of course would supply them on
the island with all necessary food, clothing
and medicine. In this course
alone could I see any hope of ~~preventing~~
avoiding a general prevalence of the
disease among the tribe.

I also recommended that the
Indians, in that neighborhood at least,
should be generally vaccinated.

These measures I understand he
has carried out as far as possible, and
with the good result of at least
confining the disease so far to the original

Spot. I understand that three
more have died since my visit to
the making six in all - One remains
sick at the present time

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