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Gov. Lewis Cass to the deputies of the Oneidas. Cass thinks that the Oneidas can find land upon the Fox River upon which to settle. DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY, DETROIT, MICH., BURTON HISTORICAL COLLECTION, C.C TROWBRIDGE MANUSCRIPTS.

Gov. Cass, to the Deputies of the
Oneida Tribe of Indians

My Children,

I have received since my return from the Northwest, your letter of the 12th of August last, and should have answered it much sooner, had I not expected to receive information upon the subject to which you refer. As yet I have heard nothing, nor do I know any thing more respecting the purchase made by Col. Bowyer of the country upon the Fox River, then you do. It was a measure in which I had no agency and of which I was wholly ignorant, until the object was effected.

Whether the cession will be ratified by the Government I cannot tell. I have taken the liberty of stating to the War Department, my opinion, which is adverse to the ratification, in consequence of the extent of country which is included in the treaty.

I have exclaimed the land upon the Fox River, and in the vicinity of Green Bay. I believe you can find situations which will suit your people, and where they can sit down and remain for a long course of years.

As your Great Father, the President of the United States, has approved of your plan for changing your place of residence, and has directed his Officers in this part of the country to cooperate with you in carrying this object into effect, you may expect to be aided in every proper manner by all persons in the Indian Departments. The consent of the Menominees and Winnebagoes will be necessary, and this consent, I presume a deputation from your tribe, aided by the authorities at Green Bay, can procure.

What course shall be taken in the event of the ratification of the treaty negotiated by Col. Bowyer, I am unable to say. The War Department can alone determine this question. That determination will be made upon a view of the whole subject, and with every disposition to promote your interest where it can be done without interfering with that of others.

It will be my object, as it is my duty to carry into effect as far as may be in my power, the decision of the Government upon this subject.

To the deputies of the Oneida Tribe of Indians sent to explore the country in the vicinity of Green Bay.

With Sincere Esteem,
Your friend.

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To the deputation of the Ojibwa
tribe of Indians sent to explore
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With sincere wishes
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