

Gentlemen

A number of the chiefs and warriors of the Christian party of the Oneida Indians has recently visited this City upon public business and amongst other things proposed to sell to the State a part of their reservation adjoining the Stockbridge Tract embracing six miles in length and three in breadth. On account of the dissatisfaction which has heretofore been given to some of the principal Indians by bargaining for their lands at this place with a part only of the nation, on account of the expences incident to such purchases and the many individual claims for improvements subsequently made it was deemed adviseable to inform them as they had

before been advised, that all treaties for future purchases of their lands would be made with a full Council at some convenient place on the reservation.

Since, however, they have intimated a disposition to sell I submit to the Legislature the propriety of authorising purchases from time to time ~~to be made~~ as they can be made with advantage to the State and satisfaction to the Indians. Should such authority be given it will also be necessary to provide for the payments which it may be proper to make at the time of executing such treaties.

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