

To: President of United States
From: Jacob Cornelius
John Cornelius
John Cooper
Adam Swamp

Oneida Nation Dec. 7th 1853

To his Excellency,

The President of the United States of America. The undersigned Chiefs of Orchard party, and one of the Chiefs of the first Christian party of the Oneida Nation of Indians living in the state of Wisconsin near Green Bay. Would respectfully inquire whether an exchange of our lands (a part only of the Oneida reserve) Cannot be made for the unsold lands recently bought of the Stock Bridge Indians in this state: by the Government,

We think in the event of an exchange, we should have some three thousand acres to sell, to Government and should want some fifteen or twenty thousand acres. We are willing to pay for all the improvements on the land we receive, and should expect pay for what there may be, and the land we sell. We have no fears but the difference in the value of the lands, and improvements can be amicably adjusted between us, and the government. We want to get a strip of land running to the Winnebago Lake as large as we can, and not interfere with the white settlers.

One reason why we want to make the exchange is we want to make more rapid improvement, in learning, farming, and the mechanic arts. And though, we used to say, the white would ruin us. We now see they have learned us many useful things, and by the change proposed, our nation, would be placed within reach of the means of improvement. Much better than they are now as the nation will be thereby divided, and the whites will be near to and around each division.

And so the Orchard party, and part of the First Christian Party. Wish to make the before mentioned exchanges choosing rather to have less land, and better means of improvement, than remain, as we are.

The said exchange would give considerable improved land. To the government. And we should want some improved land. Though the most we should get, would be wild land.

We shall be greatly obliged, by an answer to this as early as convenient.

C.G. Sathrop
Jerimiah Sathrop
Joseph Cornelius Witnesses
Interpreter

Respectfully Yours,
Jacob Cornelius
John Cornelius
John Cooper
Adam Swamp

President Madison. Dec. 7th, 1813

To his Excellency, Mr

President of the United States of

America,

The undersigned, Agents of Archard

partly, and one of the Ships of the first Division

partly of the United States

Dec 7 1813

in the State of Wisconsin

in Bay,

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We shall be greatly obliged, by an answer to
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Respectfully Yours

Jacob Corneley
John Corneley

Robt. Bathurst
Therwick Stirling
Melbourne

John W. Cooper
Melbourne

Joseph Corneley
Waterbury
Adam + George
Melbourne