

Kanandaiguay September 20 1794

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are never in a hurry may be a week on their march - the distance
about One hundred Miles -

I am respectfully Sir
Your ob^d servant

(signed) Timothy Pickens

Grand Tower September 2 1794



I have the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 15 Ultimo and am much obliged to you for your present kindness, as well as former civilities and shall be happy to repay them—

I am sorry to observe that the President of the United States does not seem to come to the main point in question the line that was proposed however attentive he may be in other matters.

I cannot possibly attend the Treaty at Canandaquay being obliged to meet the Lake Indians according to promise, but should the President of the United States agree to the line proposed and a meeting held at Buffalo week to complete this desirable object, my most cordial sanction shall not be wanting, and my most strenuous exertions shall be used to complete the good work of peace provided the proposed line formerly marked out be the basis of the Treaty, and the boundary line between the United States and the Indian Nations—

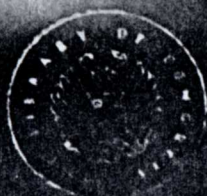
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Your most obed. hble Servt

signed— Jos. Brant

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I arrived here yesterday. Two or three hours before, two runners arrived from the Indian Council at Buffalo Creek, with their answer to your invitation to meet me at Kananadiguay for the purposes therein mentioned. They apologized for the delay in sending their answer, by saying that they had waited the arrival of the Chief (meaning Cornplanter) by whom their former speech on the subject had been delivered. They say that they have explicitly declared that the place of treaty must be at Buffalo Creek - that this was their determination. - and they desire me to meet them there. I shall return an answer to day - which of course will be that I cannot meet them at Buffalo Creek and give such reasons as occur, why they should assemble at Kananadiguay - Notwithstanding their apparent determination announced by the runners General Chapin is confident that they will come to this place.

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who related it to Thomas Morris, from whom I have received it -

The Tennessees have told General Chapin that Colonel Simcoe, called the Buffalo Creek Indians to a Council at Fort Erie and gave them an account of a battle near his fort, acknowledging that Wayne had driven the Indians; but saying that he had killed but twenty two of them while they had killed upwards of three hundred of the American Army. That tho the fort he had built there had but few soldiers in it, yet that the Americans had not attempted to take it and that now he was going to make it very strong.

The information here is, that Simcoe has sent almost all his regular troops to the Westward and followed them in person, calling out the Militia to garrison Niagara and the other posts in that quarter.

I am respectfully Sir

Your most obed^t servant

signed Timothy Pickens

The Secretary of War)

War Department July 21 1794.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit to your consideration the draft of an answer to the letter from the Governor of this State, dated the 18th instant; and also a draft of Instructions to Col Pickering— The Secretary of State and the Attorney General concur in the approbation of these papers— If the outlines of the instructions should receive your approbation, arrangements and instructions in pursuance thereto, for General Chapin, shall be prepared.

I am, Sir,

Most respectfully,

Yours obed^t. Serv^t.

Knox.

(Copy)

Kanandaguar Sept 27 1794

On the 20 I wrote you, that two Gunners had arrived the day before
at Buffalo Creek with a message urging me to hold the treaty there, that
I had answered them that I had no authority to remove the Council fire
and that the Treaty must be held at Kanandaguar. That upon receiving
no answer, the Gunners replied that they were directed by the Chief to
inform me that if I could not go to Buffalo Creek they would meet
me at Kanandaguar -

Two Gunners arrived this afternoon with a message from
Buffalo Creek to inform me that the former Gunners reached that
place on the 22^d - that on the 23^d and 24th the Indians held councils and
sent Gunners to the Great River to inform the Mohawks where the treaty
was to be held and to invite them to attend. That in five days from this
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The time fixed for leaving Buffalo Creek appears to have
been calculated on the number of days necessary for the Mohawks to
join them and for the Cornplanter to return and bring forward his
people.

Considering that it will take about seven days for the
main body to come from Buffalo Creek and that contingencies
may occasion further delays I see very little chance of opening

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the Treaty for business till the middle of October. From what I have
heard there will be great assembly

Enquiry of the Gunners for news from the Westward they
answered that a variety of stories had been told, but that they be-
lieved none of them, that the last report was that General Wayne
after driving the Shawanese and their associates and burning
number of their Towns had returned over the high grounds to
where the waters ran into the Ohio. That when Brant was on his
way westward he was met by two Shawanese who gave him
information upon which the Onondagas and Cayugas
of both these nations live at Grand Tower who accompanied
him returned. but the Mohawks proceeded with him to
Westward

I am with great respect
Sir

Your most obed^t servant
(signed) Timothy Pickens

About 150 Indians have
come out but

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Copy of a letter from General Israel Chapa
to the Secretary of War, dated Camandague
12th June 1894 -

Sir,

I had the honor of informing you in
my letter of the 7th Instant that on the return
of Mr. Earnings the person sent to upper Camandague
by me that I would communicate such information
as I should receive by him - The enclosed
is the Narrative that he has committed to
paper since his return.

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me in the most earnest manner to repair
thither immediately and I shall accordingly
start to morrow -

I am afraid of the consequences of the
of the attempt to settle Presque Isle at present
the Indians do not acknowledge the validity
of

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of the Comptant's sale to Pennsylvania -
I shall inform you by Express of the
result of the Treaty at Buffalo Creek on my
return to Canandaigua -

True copy -

Wm. H. Hagg, Esq.