

Green Bay July 17th 1838

We the undersigned chiefs of the First Christian
and Orchard parties of the Oneida tribes
of Indians at Duck Creek near Green
Bay are desirous of selling all of our
interest in the Lands which we at
present occupy at Duck Creek, in exchange
for our interest in the Duck Creek Lands
of (100) acres for each individual we
propose to accept according to the treaty
made at Buffalo last February with Gillett
and Schermerhorn, 320 acres of Land on
the Missouri River - We wish you as
our friend to see the Commissioner on
his way to this place if possible and to
state to him what our wishes are upon
this subject - We are desirous of effecting
this arrangement if possible during the
present season - We should be glad to
have the money coming to us from the
State of New York paid us before our
removal - and hope that you as our
friend will exert yourself to see the
amount paid us - We wish you to
see to Gen^l Larnston if possible and have
our wishes made known through him
The State of New York we can hardly
think will throw any obstacles in the
way of our removal - and we depend
upon the money coming to us from
the State of New York for the means
of ~~paying our debts~~ ^{paying our debts} - We want to go in
the month of September - and we would
be glad to receive our money before we
go - if we can not get it before we
leave we want it left to us on the
Missouri - We hope you will see
the Commissioner about the treaty money

we think that those of us who remove
are entitled to our portion of that money
and we are afraid that we shall be
defrauded out of it. We have reason to
believe that injustice will be done us—
and we wish you to speak with the
Commissioner on our behalf—and tell
him of our rights. The annuity money
has not been paid to us for five or
seven years, and we want to receive
our portion of that also. It amounts
to 2 or 3 thousand dollars—

The following is the list of the names of
those of us who wish to remove—

B. Shackelford

John X. ^{mark} Patton
Thomas X. Fein
Honey X. Smith
Cornelius X. Wheelock
Thomas X. Jones
Henry X. ^{mark} Beard
James ^{mark} ~~Thurham~~
Louis X. ^{mark} Denny

Wendy Sept. 5th Stephen H. Grover
Address the Senecas in. Counsel William
James Entertaining

Brothers this is the first
time I ever had the honor of addressing
you in council. Brothers I wish to say
a few words to you in relation to selling
your lands. If the Commissioners on the
part of the U.S. or the Company want
allow you the same rights and privileges
in fishing ^{the same} as in the sale of land as are claimed
and exercised by White ^{people} in the sale of their
property then you would have something
like an equal chance but it is said the
treaty is already made & ratified
now do the chiefs believe for any more
that if there was a treaty made the U.S.
would send their Commissioners here to
have a council & on 6 weeks at Great
Expense and loss of much time to the Indians
certainly not. The truth is there is no treaty
~~at all~~ ^{at all} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~it is~~ ^{it is} ~~not~~ ^{not} by going to it you signify
in council. The chiefs will recollect the
Commissioner professes to be wholly disinterested in
this matter does his acts correspond
with his professions. Did he not say to
you when called on for advice for your
people ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~not~~ ^{not} say he did not call
the warriors but the chiefs to council.

Does he not try to get the women
to line the track is the chiefs are
alone compelled to give their assent
to the treaty if you do not sign it
it is not binding on you or your
nation. If you are agreed to send
it and move to the West Well if
not and you choose to slay him
on your homes and graves of your fathers
in the name of the White people
I promise you their protection
for the all mighty will not bless
a people so strong and powerful in
driving you people west and send
as you are from your homes
of in to the wilderness

Brother Shere Dore

Chambers
Attest
6.39.00
No. 8

New York - G. 390, 1838.

R. H. Gillett's

Report

Numbered from 1. to 46,

Nos 25 - 7 43 missing
& "waps" also,

May 14/34 - Chintaney,