

Oneida Castle Nov. 4, 1820

To: The Secretary of War
From: Oneida Chief

We the undersigned _____ of the Oneida Nation of Indians _____, the Six Nation of the state of _____ The most humble and respectful terms would beg leave to represent that in accordance with the wishes of our nation and with the approbation of the Government of the United States in the season past in conjunction with other of the Six Nations traveled into the territory of Michigan for the purpose of viewing the lands in the vicinity of Green Bay. That on our arrival at the city of Detroit to our exceeding regret we were informed by the then acting Governor of Michigan and Mayor Ge. Macomb that previous to our arrival at that place the United States Agent at Green Bay had treated with the Menominee Indians for the purchase of those very lands which we had journeyed thus far to view and explore. This intelligence was also confirmed by the Rev. De Morse whom we met at Detroit. At this information our astonishment could be equaled by nothing but our modification knowing the General Government to be our friends; our disappointment was the more aggravated. We had a conference with many of the most respectable of the Menominees who expressed great dissatisfaction at the conduct of the United States agent and their late treaty with the General Government.

We therefore the undersigned do most humbly beseech and pray that the Government might not ratify the said Treaty. The undersigned not willing to abandon the scheme but contemplating a second Tour the ensuing spring to that Country and Mr. Williams not being able to satisfy us in many points as to the views of the General Government would humbly ask that the winter, for the purpose of more fully and explicitly understanding the object of the General Government. The undersigned should most humbly ask and request a speedy answer to the above petition.

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Nov 4th 1820

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