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"Misc. Mss. Indians," folder 5 of 12, Parrish, Jasper

Canandaigua, 11th Oct. 1824

Sir

Your letter of 19th June is now before me, and I shall proceed to give a detailed answer.

The best and most frequent route from this place to Washington is by way of New York, distance 579 miles. I have resided in this town ever since its settlement.

The following tribes of Indians are embraced in my agency, viz Seneca's, including 68 Onondagas residing on the Allegany river on a Reservation of 30,469 acres. Distance from this place 150 miles; number of souls..... 593.

~ Senecas residing on the Tonnewanta Creek, on a reservation of 46,209 acres, distance from this place 60 miles 332.

~ Senecas residing at Cattaragus, on a reservation of 26,880 acres, distante from this place 126 miles 431.

~ Tuscaroras, residing at Lewiston on a reservation of 1920 acres (exclusive of lands they purchased from the Holland Land Company) distante from this place 87 miles 253.

~ Senecas, residing on Genesee River, on five small reservations containing in all 14,640 acres, distante from this place, say 40 miles..... 483.

~ At Buffalo Creek, distance from this place 90 miles of Senecas, 554. Onondagas 110. Cayugas 90. on a reservation of 83,557 acres total..... 754.

The whole number residing west of this place in the State of New York is 2,846

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~ The Oneidas residing in the County of Oneida, distance east 90 miles from this place, on a reservation of about 16,000 acres.....1096

~ The Onondagas reside at the Old Indian Village in Onondaga on a reservation of 5,000 acres, distant from this place 63 miles, their number is..... 268

~ Stockbridge Indians reside on a reservation of about 12,000 acres in Oneida County - 94 miles from this place. their number is 273

- ~ Brothertown Indians reside on land confirmed to them by the State of New York, and formerly belonged to the Oneidas - distance from this place 98 miles. their number..... 360.
- ~ St. Regis Indians reside upon the St. Lawrence near French Mills, on a reservation of 8,000 acres, distance 297 miles
- their number 300.

Whole number of Indians

5,143

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By the foregoing statement you will see that the population of the six Nations of Indians encluding other Indians residing among, and represented with them is 5143. they own and posses sixteen reservations in the state of New York, about 450 miles from their extream parts & containing about 246675 acres.

All these reservations are more or less surrounded by white settlements, in consequence of which there are frequent depredation, petty thefts, and trespasses committed between the whites and Indians (more frequently on the part of the former.) It causes the agent considerable time and trouble, to settle with and satisfy the injured persons, so as to preserve our peace and friendship unbroken.

The Six Nations are furnished by their Agent, with implements of husbandry and farming utensils suitable to their wants, to enable them to cultivate their grounds. This expense has been paid from their annuities, their principal crop is corn, the Oneidas, Stockbridge and Tuscaroras Indians raise considerable English grain, and some few famlies among the other tribes do the same.

For a number of years past I observed that they are making considerable improvement in farming, and becoming more and more industrious. The Oneida Tribe have built within two years past fourteen new frame Barns, and several other Barns have been built, among the other Tribes, the six Nations are generally wishing to receive instructions in civilization, excepting a part of the Seneca Tribe, their is, and has been a number of schools among the Six Nations, part of them under the patronage of the Presbyterians, part under the Episcopalians, and part under Baptists. These schools are in as flourishing a condition as could be expected-some of their children have made good improvement.

I am Sir, very repectfully
Your most obedient servant
Jasper Parrish
Agent

[endorsed on verso:]

11th Oct. 1824

Copy to Tho L. McKinney

State of the Indians

Population & c

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I am Sir, very respectfully
Yours most Obedt. Servt.
Jasper Pascoe
Clerk

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The Episcopal and Protestant Ministry
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11th Oct. 1824
Copy to Mr. W. M. Kennedy

State of the American
Population &c.

INDIANS (Box)