

Richmond Kincaid
June 4th 1844

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd of May. In reply to Mr. Crawford's letter I would state that there was no intention in the application of the Indians to visit Washington, to prefer charges against any one, but his letter indicates that he either expected charges to be preferred against him or that he felt guilty. For Mr. Schoecraft told me last summer that he would escape the charges & exculpation of the two Commissioners (Mr. William & Mr. Gillette) on the ground that Mr. Crawford was implicated with him. It did not stand in his way to discuss - that the original report of the two Commissioners could not be found at Washington. The action had on a report as mentioned by Mr. Crawford - must be his own report extracted from that of the Commission with attention, or that of Mr. Branch in defence of Mr. Schoecraft & the original one could not agree.

The object of the Indians applying to visit Washington, was to get their debts repaid. In 1830 a sum of 200,000 dollars was left unexpended and by the amending article in said treaty was left to their disposal. which Mr. Crawford inserted without authority & without the knowledge of the Indians. The interest on it has never been paid, probably this year it will be. They

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They wish to draw on that fund, to purchase land when it comes into market, some few of them may do, but the greater portion of them will always remain hunters.

I would still renew ~~an application~~ our former application & their Expenses could be paid out of the above mentioned fund, for I could not understand Mr. Crowford's ^{action} of permission was granted or not.

Will you please state your views as regards the removal of our Indians in Michigan - the course that may be pursued by our government towards them. A petition has been signed by some of the Indians & one of the Missionaries & others for them to remain, it will be probably presented by a Senator from Ohio who has no acquaintance with our Indians - You will see by those who signed it of what great importance it may be.

Excuse the following, The reported candidates for the Collectorship for this port, if confirmed will be injurious to those principles which are given the predominant party.

Will you have the kindness to use your influence for me to procure employment in any way that is in connection with the Indians -

With feelings of respect,

I Remain

Yours A. S. Porter
Senate U. S.
Washington
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Very Respectfully
Your Obedient
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