

Indian Agency
 Michilimackinac
 November 3rd 1935

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions of the 29th August means have been taken to ascertain the feelings of the Indians as to a cession of lands north of Grand River. As in all questions of this nature there is not a unanimity of feeling and opinion. Events for several years have been preparing the peninsular Indians for the question, which has been much discussed by them, during the last year. I have replies from the eastern, middle, and northwestern portions of the country, favorably to a cession, on liberal considerations, with reservations, and a defined right of hunting on the lands sold. And the designation of a future place of permanent residence by the government. The objections made by the Indians of S'arhe (roche) (who occupy however but a limited portion of the country) and of a character, growing out of their ignorance of their true position, and are susceptible of being removed. I cannot conceive that any well grounded doubts can remain of the successful result of a negotiation.

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I am Sir

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant

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