

The following speech of the Principle Chief of the Ottawa and Chippewa tribes of Indians of North Michigan, expressing their wishes to their Great Father the President of the United States; is respectfully delivered to the United States Commissioners Genl. G.R. Williams and Samuel A. May 27th with the request that it may be forwarded to the President for his consideration.

Great Father— We return you our thanks for having sent two of your wise men, to examine into the conduct of our Agent Henry Echocraft, he has acted badly towards us, and deprived us of many things you have sent us. We desire that you would take him away from us & send us another person, to be our Agent in his place, one, with whom we may shake hands with in friendship and who would remove the pain from our hearts. Your children strongly urge this, and hope you will do it in order to bring peace and satisfaction to our bands, without it we will be long and our young men will be dissatisfied. And we will be in trouble.

Great Father We desire that the sum of five thousand thousand dollars appropriated by the treaty for the purposes of education, teachers, school houses &c. and three thousand dollars for missionary purposes (for mission) be distributed among our people; so far as Henry Echocraft has given part to the Episcopal Bishop & others and the former has not even a share in our nation's education.

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Father We desire that the balance of the  
salaries appropriated for agricultural implements  
be distributed for our benefit. As  
R Schoecraft has expended, & killed off the cattle  
furnished under the expenditure of these  
dollars from that fund, without any benefit  
to us, and without our knowledge.

Father We desire that the interest accruing from  
the surplus money, after our debts were paid,  
be paid to us, as the President proclamation direct  
on the ratification of the Ottawa & Chippewa treaty.  
We need it for our public expenses, & if it is insisted  
we want the interest of it for the last year, and  
we do not wish to see our treaty violated.

Father We desire that the Blacksmith's salary  
at this place may be raised, on an equality  
with the gunsmith, his services are the most  
useful to us, of all the mechanics and he is  
part Indian. As for the farmers, Carpenters and  
their assistants, they have been of no benefit  
to us, as Henry R Schoecraft has kept them  
on the island of Mackinac, where northwestern  
travellers & their work (farmers &c) has been employed, but  
the premises he occupies - he wish the money  
employed for their support, be paid to us, to enable  
our young men to learn trades.

Father We desire that girls & women be not  
employed as Interpreters. The Agent has appointed  
them without our knowledge & consent.

Father We desire the summing to be made of the money paid to us, for so far we have derived no benefit from it. or let it be so managed that those that we may direct, that we can get our lodgings when we need it. for the Agent has stated that he made the treaty & intended it for an office, & to pay our money out at.

Father We desire also that the money intended for our improvements be paid to us. As the four thousand were paid to us last year - & we desire that the reservations granted to the Little Foxes Indians & other bands by the treaty, be where their present villages are & we hope our Father will consider them as our reservation & not allow them to be surveyed at present. The Agent Henry R. Schoolcraft has never mentioned to us to locate them, only this spring, he sent us word to do so but that it made no difference as we should not remain on them, more than one or two years, the treaty does not say so.

Father We desire that the Indians struck off from the roll last year by Henry R. Schoolcraft without authority from the Secretary of War be allowed to draw their annuities (the names will be furnished another) The Agent said the Secretary of War authorized him to do so. But our Agents this morning asked the Secretary, and he told them it was not so. (It was a mere whim of his then, and he does. When he refuses to hear us, when we want to send you our thoughts. We tell the government & we do not want a designing man to break the good feelings, by false reports.

Father

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Father. We desire that the payment of our  
in August, September is to late, we have  
seen our files, at that time, and suffering  
loss, it can be easily done, If the Agent  
not be governed by his own convenience, we  
hope you will order it, to be changed.

Father For further particulars we would refer  
you to the letter of our delegates Agents Hamlin  
& Johnston, who are acquainted with all our  
wants -

Father. If our wishes are attended to, and  
the Agent removed, we shall be glad, and  
a light will shine on our path. And to show  
our good feelings & friendship for the government  
we offer as we did by our Agents, the service  
to our Great father, of all our young warriors  
to fight the English.

Father We wish, that our request may be  
listened to, & that our Great father will send  
us his thoughts, through our delegates and  
Agents Hamlin & Johnston, as we do not  
wish to transact any business through the  
present Agent. (This is done & executed  
by all the principle Chiefs of our nations  
through & by our Agents Hamlin & Johnston.)

Wichita, Kansas May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1870

Names

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Principal Chief of the band. Mack Conkling  
Spokkolan his & mark. (Chief) principle Chief of the  
Chickasaw

Mack Conkling his & mark.

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*Whitings (Miss of St. Louis, Mo.)*  
*Head of the* *his + mark* *(Miss) principal*  
*Chief*

<i>Kawi-mash-kote</i> <i>do X mark</i>	
<i>Kiwakwat</i> " X "	<i>Onagawa</i> " X "
<i>Makatebingsi</i> <i>hi X mark</i>	<i>Oachkinepigi</i> " X "
<i>Kiminitohagan</i> " X "	<i>Ombakur</i> " X "
<i>Pehamitabi</i> " X "	<i>Oshingoki</i> " X "
<i>Miskurawat</i> " X "	<i>Matagami</i> " X "
<i>Kogima</i> " X "	<i>Kawikijig</i> " X "
<i>Ka-gi-muanti</i> " X "	<i>Sagatoniwese</i> " X "
<i>Ko-min</i> " X "	<i>Kinochameg</i> " X "
<i>Mupson</i> " " "	<i>Kiaweningwan</i> " X "
<i>Migikimang</i> " X "	<i>Mobanabisan</i> " " "
<i>Eagwagane</i> " X "	<i>Ochakitanuwetkan</i> " X "
<i>Kenitowach</i> " X "	<i>Efigabauri</i> " X "
<i>Oki-ta-nakwat</i> " X "	<i>Kandwens</i> " X "
<i>Pipigwen</i> " X "	<i>Kawigwanabi</i> " X "
<i>Apagon</i> " " "	<i>Katowegwisa</i> " X "
<i>Kinochameg</i> " X "	<i>Eniwando</i> " X "
<i>Ma-tehi-Ki-kabe</i> " X "	<i>Ogabekijig</i> " X "
	<i>Kendomiwe</i> " X "
<i>Akowan</i> " X "	<i>Apinabe</i> " X "
<i>Ma-ke-o-x</i> " X "	<i>Kijigwan</i> " X "
<i>Kagigameg</i> " X "	<i>Shingwanidargo</i> " X "
<i>Kananakwat</i> " X "	
<i>Kiwetin</i> " X "	

*Kisidwabe* X  
*Pagi-te-wichkan* X

We are authorized by the above  
 Chiefs and Warriors to deliver the above  
 speech to the United States Commissioner  
 to be transmitted to their great Father  
 We certify the above to be correct  
*Augustus Hamlin*  
*William Schmitt*  
*Agents for the United States*

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