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Washington City March 23^d 1836

Ramsay Crooks Esq^r.

New York

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 20th inst. was handed me yesterday also that of the 16th came to hand in due season I have delayed writing you untill the present time not being able fully to guage what course the treaty would take. It is now however pretty well understood that a Treaty will be made with the Chippewa^s. for their country on Lake Superior from the Sault up to Chocolate river then up that river & then to Bay Denock & down the Lake Michigan & to the Sault again. Also a Treaty with the Ottawa^s. for their country in the Peninsula of Michigan excepting some small reserves.

We have not & probably shall not be able to get such terms respecting our claims as we had intended. Our Ideas were exactly the same as yours & every inch of ground has been faithfully fought from the commencement by myself & M^r. Stuart untill M^r. Drews Indians all deserted him and consented to form a Treaty. Treachery in some of the Muskegon Traders in our camp by those under-trappers who followed us here has caused the falling off of the Indians & I am now left with none but the Grand River Indians four in number who are still true and faithful. I shall therefore be able to make my peace with the great folks pretty favorably in (illegible) but not to obtain what I had intended. I shall have eventually to fall into

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their ranks upon the best terms I can get. We have not been able to get our claims allowed & shall be obliged to let them go before a Commissioner contrary to our will.

There is however a precious claim at the Sault which I think will place ours on very fair grounds. I mean the Johnson family Mr. Stuart has rendered me every assistance.

I shall write you from time to time whenever anything transpires worth mentioning & shall see you in N York after the affair is closed & presume satisfy you we have done all that could be done under existing circumstances.

In great haste

Very Respy yours

Rix Robinson

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