

Indian Agency
Michilimackinac

June 20th 1835

Sir

The sale by the Indians of their lands in the vicinity of, Chicago, and the rapid extension of settlements up the peninsula of Michigan, are the cause of some movements now in train among the Lake bands, which will probably be more fully developed in a few years. Some of the Ojibwas, consisting of those who do not elect to go west, will distribute themselves northward, which is retreating on the track of their migration. The Ottawa who will also retrograde on their track, are making incipient arrangements to go to the islands of the Lake Huron, beyond the 45th parallel, to which some of them have already proceeded, and where improvements appear to be held out by the authorities of the British Indian department, for their settlements.

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The enclosed minutes of a conference with deputies sent from Ottawa Island, are connected with these movements. They are forwarded, in compliance with the Indians former request.

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Very respectfully,
J. O. Servant

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Henry R. Schmidt

(E. L. Herring Esq,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington)

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Sagoyew and Arigoniquem Indian

deputies sent by the band on Ottawa Island, propose to sell to the government their claim to Drummond Island. They request, in the name of their band, that the proposition may be forwarded to the President, as they had made up their minds to emigrate from this part of Lake Huron, and suppose it may be valuable to white men.

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HENRY. R. SCHOOLCRAFT

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ELBERT HERRING ESQ Commissioner of Indian Affairs Washington

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