

Detroit April 15th 1866

Rev. Francois Piercy
Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of 5th ultimo
has just come to hand and I hasten to beg of you to
assure the Indians that I shall take care no efforts
of Stanton shall in any way injure their interests —
his petition could neither aid nor injure them — I
have urged their wish to become citizens on the consider-
ation of the President, but this is a matter which it may
require years to accomplish — I think their best
plan will be at the next payment to make two
memorials, one for the State Legislature to petition
Congress for them, and the other direct to the President
& Congress, from themselves, with one from the
whites — and I will accompany it by a letter, but
even then it may require years to get it through;
at all events we will do all we can. Tell them to
be under no apprehension of removal, there is at present
no thought of it, and they must not believe any childish
stories on the subject — They ought never to sign papers,
or agree to any business of importance without laying
it before me, and thus getting counsel from one who they
know will not deceive them: if they follow this course
I will keep them clear of all difficulty, and they need
never be afraid of giving me trouble, for it is both my
interest business and gratification to take care of their
interests. — Should you stand in need the services of
the Carpenter at Grand Haven Bay, let them inform
Dr. Rice of it, & he will let them have him for two or
three months — Rem: me kindly to the Chiefs & head
men &c: & believe me to be &c: Robert Stuart
Acty: Supr: Ind: aff.

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Aunt. Broth over		\$12.570	~
2200 Yards	Saved lish blue cloth at \$1.50	3.300	~
7000 "	Plaid Swissy	20 ^{cts}	1.400
4000 "	Satinets	75 ^{cts}	3.000
1600 "	Red Flannel shirts	1.20	1.920
18.350 "	Domestic Calico	10 ^{cts}	1.835
40 Brass Kettle (asst. 8 to 12 Gal.)	say 50 lbs.	3.50	175
1.600 Sin	do, in nests, such as the Am. Pub. use, say	1.000	~
100 Kegs (25 lb. each.)	Deposits Mfg. Gun powder	4.50	~
10.000 lbs.	Shot assorted sizes	at .05	500
100 N.W. Guns	as described in M. Stuart's report in June last	at \$5.50	550
3000 lbs.	Holland twine		
750 "	Sturgeon Twine N. 18. } For fishing nets	2.500	~
	Wrappers, boxes, &c. say	300	~
Dollars		29.500	~

Detroit Novem. 30th 1844

Revd Francois Piercy
Dear Sir:—

I have duly received your two favors of the past month, with your communication of, and prayers that the Indians may be admitted to citizenship, which has been forwarded to Washington, as also their own memorial, and that of the whites, inhabitants of Mackinac &c. I have likewise urged the measure both in my public report and letters, so that all has been done for the present, which rests in our power; but I fear that we shall have to labor for years yet before we attain this important object; we must not however despair, but on the contrary persevere with more and more importance;

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instruction, if so, they may always depend on my friendship aid and counsel; tell them to believe do evil reports, should they hear any such, but do their duty, and trust in God for his care and protection, which he will never withhold from those who love him — The Carpenter at Grand Traverse will be allowed to aid your Indians next summer for one or two months; please to notify Dr Rice of the period you wish him to commence — Wishing you a pleasant and happy winter, believe me to be,

Dear Sir,

your friend & obt. servant
Robert Stuart
Acty: Supt: Ind: Aff

Detroit December 2nd 1844

Dr. Justin Rice

Sir:— The enclosed vouchers of Messrs Belote & Cravenack, for the 2nd quarter of 1844, have been sent to me by you without their signature to the receipt; which I did not discover until now — notice of the fact, from Washington — please to make out a copy of each and have them signed in duplicate and returned to me as soon as practicable — Mr Perry the Priest at Little Traverse, has requested the services of Robert Campbell, for 2 or 3 months next summer, to aid in building a small vessel for the Indians; have the goodness to arrange the matter that he may go when required — your vouchers for the 4th quarter have been received.

I am respectfully Sir Yr: O
Robert Stuart
Acty: Supt: Ind: Aff.

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