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William Brewster Esqr

Detroit

Dear Sir

By the receipt today of your letter in favor of 10 Instant I am glad to learn you had my letters of 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>:- Yours of the 23 February & 2nd March made their appearance in due time, and I have duly noted their interesting contents.

As soon as I learned by yours of 23 February that Mr Robinson was on his way to Washington with the Indians, I gave him my opinion of the course he, and other traders ought to pursue, which was to ask nothing more than they would make appear was justly due them by the Indians, and to insist upon a specific (illegible) in the treaty itself of the whole amount due to (illegible) the Government does not seem inclined to do, (illegible) to pay such debts as a commissioner they will appoint to investigate the claims, shall say is justly due- The result of such a man's decisions would prove a mighty sorry affair for the claimants, and the probability now is there will be no treaty, unless another & more liberal course is pursued. Part of the deputation are thoroughly opposed to selling at all, and hence the greater likelihood of this misplaced negotiation ending in impasse.

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It is too bad that the Mess<sup>r</sup>. Williams should act in such an unsatisfactory manner- I shall try to pay them a visit next summer, but I am not sure that I can.

Please fill mr Robinson's mem<sup>o</sup>- for Provisions, and advise M<sup>r</sup> Abbott of the same

Mr. Williams has never apprized me of his arrival at Washington- I did intend to have been present at the treaty, but I could not possibly get away without great inconvenience, and not seeing how I could be absent, my intention is abandoned without reluctance for I have ample employment here.

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