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Michigan
Rev. C. Isaac Ketchum
Centreville Mich. Sept 28 '39

Acknowledging letter of
9th inst. some remarks about
the difficulties of removing
the Pottawatomie and a
statement that they are
in the habit of purchasing
land at the Indian Land
Office.

Requests that his letter may
be enclosed in stronger wrapper

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Washington City

Office Indian Affairs

Hon. G. H. Henshaw

Chas. B. B. B.

Centreville St. Joseph Co. Mich; Sep; 24th 1859
Hon; J. Hastly Crawford
Office, Indian affairs

My Dear Sir

I have just had the honor to receive your communication of the 9th Inst; informing me that instructions have been given to Gen; Milroy of Indiana to make all necessary arrangements for dispatching to the West immediately all such Pottawattamies as are disposed to go, & also to communicate with Gen; Milroy & give him such information as may be important. I shall write the Gen; immediately & give him an account in detail. On the 27th ultimo I addressed a communication to yourself giving the particulars of an interview with the Pottawattamies, I regret that it did not reach you previous to the 9th Inst; -

I give it as my decided opinion that the Pottawattamie Indians will never emigrate till Troops are sent on, & at this season of the year it would be almost impossible to collect them together. The reason is this, Game has become scarce in this Country, & as the Indians subsist principally upon game they are under the necessity of sub dividing into small bands & scattering over a large District of country, & their places of resort are principally in the heavy timbered & unsettled parts of the Country, besides they are not stationary during the hunting season; they encamp in one place only for a few days. In the spring when the season for making sugar arrives they concentrate in larger numbers, & soon after they come out & plant their Corn. At either of these periods

