

Robert Stewart Esq. Grand Rapids Oct 30 1845.
 Superintendant of Indian Affairs &c. —
 Dear Sir

We the undersigned Chiefs of the Ottawa
 Tribe of Indians living on & near Grand River in
 the State of Michigan having heard of your appoint-
 -ment as Superintendant of Indian Affairs &c. Ask
 permission most cordially to offer you our hands in
 token of our friendship to you and also to the U. States
 Government.

We have been counselling for some time upon the im-
 -propriety of making you a visit at Detroit to lay before
 you some of our grievances but have deferred it in
 hopes of seeing you at the payment of our annuities this
 fall. — Having failed however in that expectation we now
 conclude to write to you on the following subjects. —
 We believe great injustice has been done us heretofore and
 would respectfully call your attention to the 4th Article of
 the Treaty formed with the Ottawa and Chippawa Tribes
 at Washington in March 1836. and particularly to the 4th
 clause of said article. We are not aware that any part
 of the \$10,000 therein guaranteed to us annually has been
 expended or paid us since the formation of said Treaty
 as therein provided. We therefore make the following
 requests.

1st That you will use your utmost Endeavors to cause
 justice to be done us in the premises and payment of

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of the same to be made without delay.

2nd Two Blacksmiths Shops & 2 Interpreters were also stipulated in said Treaty to be furnished us for 20 Years and upwards besides those then at Mackinac (see art) and in as much as the time has arrived when our reservations of land must be surrendered to the Government on which said Shops were located, we now ask that a Blacksmithy Shop for our use may be located with an Interpreter for the remainder of the time at the Mouth of the Thorn Apple ^{Plain} on Grand River. There being very few if any Indians on or near the reservation North of Grand River where it formerly was situated, at this time our people would be far better accommodated at the place mentioned at Grand River -

3rd also that a farmer to assist and instruct us in agriculture; and a mechanic to assist us in building may be sent amongst us (see art. 7)

4th That you may cause the balance to be paid us for our ancient improvements on the land (see art 8)

5th That instead of Provisions being issued to us hereafter at the receiving of our Annuities the amount may be paid us in Cash.

A number of us have bought land with our money as we were advised to do by our great Father and have begun to Cultivate it but we need assistance.

Our number are thirteen hundred & eighty two and by far the greatest portion of us are residents in the Valley of Grand River and its tributaries while a small number are scattered on the Muskegon River, White River, the

the Paine, Marquette & Manistee Rivers with a few ⁵²⁵ scattering families Elsewhere. A slight examination will show you that all the monies heretofore expended by the late Superintendant for the purposes of Education Teachers, &c. have been so strewed around us that we have received little or no benefit therefrom nor could we without abandoning our plans of abode very much to our disadvantage. The same remarks will apply with regard to a Blacksmith, Farmer, Mechanic &c.

Father; We have great Confidence in the U. States Government, We believe it is the wish & intent of the Government to do us Justice - but we must say that some of their agents heretofore have failed to do so. A number of us having been long acquainted with you and knowing your extreme desire for the welfare of the Red man, and being satisfied that you will use your utmost endeavors to see our rights protected as well as those of the Government whose agent you are and that full and ample Justice may be done us hereafter in the above premises we submit the same to you without further remarks.

We have several times requested our Great Father to give us a Sub-Agent to reside on Grand River, as we have before said, most of us reside on Grand River and we wish a Sub-Agent in whom we can place confidence to advise with and protect us - to mediate in any difficulties that may arise between ourselves, or between us and the white, and we ask of you to aid us in getting such a Sub-Agent.

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we have great confidence in Mr. Antoine Campane. He has always been a good friend to us, and our people love him, and if one is appointed we ask that he may be the man. —

Indians of Grand River

Oct. 30th / 1861

About their Affairs

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