

The following speech of the Principle Chief of the Ottawa and Chippewa tribes of Indians of North Michigan, expressing of their wishes, to their Great Father the President of the United States, is respectfully delivered to the United States Commissioners Genl. G. R. Williams and Samuel A. H. Cox, with the request that it may be transmitted to the President for his consideration.

Father We return you our thanks for having sent two of your wise men, to examine into the conduct of our Agent Henry R. Schoecraft, he has acted badly towards us, and deprived us of many things you have sent us. We desire that you would take him away from us & send us another person, to be our Agent in his place, one, with whom we may shake hands with in friendship and who would remove the pain from our hearts. Your Children strongly urge this, and hope you will do it in order to bring peace and satisfaction to our bands, without it we will be sorry and our young men will be dissatisfied. And we will be in trouble.

Father We desire that the sum of five thousand thousand dollars appropriated by the treaty for the purposes of education, teachers, school houses &c. and three thousand dollars for missionary purposes (for annuities) be distributed among our people. So far as Henry R. Schoecraft has given part to the Episcopal Bishop & others and the former has not even a minute in our section of the country.

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Father We desire that the balance of the
dollars appropriated for agricultural
locks &c, be distributed for our benefit.
R Schorcraft has expended, & killed off the
furnished under the expenditure of five thousand
dollars from that fund, without any benefit
to us and without our knowledge.

Father We desire that the interest accruing from
the surplus money, after our debts were paid,
be paid to us, as the President proclamation direct
on the ratification of the Ottawa & Chippewa treaty.
We need it for our public expenses, & if it is insisted
we want the interest of it for the last year, and
we do not wish to see our treaty violated.

Father We desire that the Blacksmiths salary
at this place may be raised, on an equality
with the gunsmiths, his services are the most
useful to us, of all the mechanics and he is
part Indian. As for the farmers, carpenters and
their assistants, they have been of no benefit
to us, as Henry R Schorcraft has kept them
on the island of Mackinac, where no Indian
dwells & their work (farming &c) has been employed about
the premises he occupies - we wish the money
employed for their support, be paid to us, to enable
our young men to learn trades.

Father We desire that girls & women be not
employed as Interpreters - The Agent has appointed
them without our knowledge & consent.

Father. We desire the dormitory to be built with the money paid to us; for so far we have derived no benefit from it. Or let it be so managed that those that we may direct, that we can provide lodgings when we need it. for the Agent has stated that he made the treaty & intended it only for an office, & to pay our money out at.

Father. We desire also that the money intended for our improvements be paid to us. As the four thousand were paid to us last year - & we desire that the reservations granted to the Little Tonsers Indians & other bands by the treaty, be where their present villages are, & we hope your Father will consider them as our reservation & not allow them to be surveyed at present. The Agent Henry R. Schoolcraft has never mentioned to us to locate them, only this spring, he sent us word to do so but that it made no difference as we should not remain on them, more than one or two years, the treaty does not say so.

Father. We desire that the Indians should be from the war sold last year by Henry R. Schoolcraft without cause & without authority from the Secretary of War be allowed to draw their annuities (the names will be furnished in letter) The Agent said the Secretary of War authorized him to do so. But our Agents this ~~time~~ asked the Secretary, and he told them it was not so. (It was a mere whim of his then, and he does. When he refuses to hear us, when we want to send you our thoughts. We like the government & we do not want in designing men to break the good feelings, by false reports.

Father.

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Father We desire that the payment of our money
in August, September is to late, when the
cane and rice are at that time, and suffering
crop, it can be easily done, If the Agent
not be governed by his own convenience, we
hope you will order it, to be changed.

Father For further particulars we would refer
you to the letter of our delegates Agents Hamlin
& Johnston, who are acquainted with all our
wants -

Father If our wishes are attended to, and
the Agent removed, we shall be glad, and
a light will shine on our path. And to show
our good feelings & friendship for the government
we offer as we did by our Agents, the service
to our Great Father, of all our young warriors
to fight the English.

Father We wish, that our request may be
listened to, & that our Great Father will send
us his thoughts, through our delegates and
Agents Hamlin & Johnston, as we do not
wish to transact any business through the
present Agent - (This is done & executed
by all the principle Chiefs of our Nations
through & by our Agents Hamlin & Johnston -
Wichita Maechine May 23rd 1840
Name

Principal Chiefs of the Five Tribes. (Much Consequence) (Pawnee & Omaha)
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Cheabewand

Maui-mach-kot his + mark

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Maui-kinep his + mark

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<i>Kawi-mat-kot-ho X mark</i>	
<i>Kawakwat</i> " X "	<i>Onagwan</i> " X "
<i>Makatehinspi</i> " X mark	<i>Atachkingspi</i> " X "
<i>Kimimitchagan</i> " X "	<i>Ombakur</i> " X "
<i>Pepasmiteli</i> " X "	<i>Athingoki</i> " X "
<i>Miskwawat</i> " X "	<i>Katagami</i> " X "
<i>Kogima</i> " X "	<i>Kawikijig</i> " X "
<i>Ka-gi-muanti</i> " X "	<i>Sagatoniwese</i> " X "
<i>Ho-min</i> " X "	<i>Kinochameg</i> " X "
<i>Kaggon</i> " " "	<i>Kiweningwan</i> " X "
<i>Migikimang</i> " X "	<i>Mo-ha-nabison</i> " " "
<i>Eagwagane</i> " X "	<i>Obakita-banwecktan</i> " X "
<i>Keni-towach</i> " X "	<i>Opigabawi</i> " X "
<i>Okita-natwat</i> " X "	<i>Kandwens</i> " X "
<i>Pipigwen</i> " X "	<i>Kawigwanabi</i> " X "
<i>Agagon</i> " " "	<i>Kalwegwisa</i> " X "
<i>Kinochameg</i> " X "	<i>Eniwando</i> " X "
<i>Ma-tehi-Ki-Kate</i> " X "	<i>Ogabekijig</i> " X "
<i>Akowan</i> " X "	<i>Kendomiwe</i> " X "
<i>Ma-ke-o-x</i> " X "	<i>Asinabe</i> " X "
<i>Kagigameg</i> " X "	<i>Kijigwan</i> " X "
<i>Kinanakwat</i> " X "	<i>Ichingwanikargo</i> " X "
<i>Kiwatin</i> " X "	

Kisidwabe " X "
Pagi-te-wick-Kan " X "

We are authorized by the above
 Chiefs and Warriors to deliver the above
 speech to the United States Commissioners
 to be transmitted to their great Father
 We certify the above to be correct
Augustus Hamlin
William Schmitt
Agents for the American

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