

Wichita, Kansas

Nov 2nd 1835

Dear Sir,

I send you the written
speech or talk. it conveys the feelings of the greater
portion of the Chippewa & Ottawa, their being only
a few exceptions at Little Sioux. A. Hamilton had
used every means in his power, and had been very
boasted in his remarks about you, trying to prejudice
the Indians against your advice to them; and using
the Bishop's name as secondary to what he told the
Indians.

Since my last I am happy to state, that
the family enjoy comparative better health, Fanny has
recovered from her sickness. But they now, both have the
hooping cough, it is not however violent. But we hope and
pray to God, that they will soon be restored to perfect health.
I am intended to write to you soon. And may the blessing
of God accompany you in all your ways, is the fervent
wish and prayer of yours.

Sincere friend

William Johnston

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Speech.

Our Father; We think it our duty, to inform you, and in the
moment, that you were a respecting (linguist) who
has understood our feelings.

Our Mother, when you sent tobacco by a person (Sipigon), the young
man (Sipigon) in council, with their chiefs at Little Traverse,
and when he heard what the young man & Chiefs thought, as
regards the cession of their lands. He wished to have come to
you to ask your father's advice, but he was prevented by
his own Augustin Herman.

Our Mother, He told them in council, that the letter the Agent
said, he had received from the President; "Was not true";
that he knew all what took place below (Detroit or Mackinac)
that the letter, was received from some great farmers, who
wished to get their lands for nothing, so that they could
sell it for a great deal, and that the Agent himself
was concerned with them.

Our Father, He said, that if our Great Father should send
us money or goods, that it would never be given to us
by the Agent. Even when you send a message to your
father and he, he never sees it, or hears of it; it is done
before it gets to him. "Your Agent steals from you, and
your Great father gives you; you have heard what was
done to the Indians at Chicago. Agents all steal; even
the English Agents steal from the Indians. I wish
to keep you and not see you imposed upon; and
whatever I say or do for you, I am aided in it by the
Bishop. He is strong; he is great; He will furnish
me many hundred dollars, if you will go with me
to see your great father.

Our Mother, we speak what we think, and speak also the
thoughts of many other young men, like, & Sitcheylingum.
He has no right to go down, and speak about our lands.
We can speak for ourselves, and we will not listen to
what he says; we do not acknowledge him as our Chief.

Chabawan (Chief) his + name
Pe be me su " + "
Ben be me yick " + "

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Indian Agency
Michilimackinac
November 3rd 1835

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions of the 29th August means have been taken to ascertain the feelings of the Indians as to a cession of lands north of Grand River. As in all questions of this nature there is not a unanimity of feeling and opinion. Events for several years have been preparing the peninsula Indians for the question, which has been much discussed by them, during the last year. I have replies from the eastern, middle, and northwestern portions of the country, favorable to a cession, on liberal considerations, with reservations, and a defined right of hunting on the lands sold. And the designation of a future place of permanent residence by the government. The objections made by the Indians of S'arbi (roche) (who occupy however but a limited portion of the country) are of a character, growing out of their ignorance of their true position, and are susceptible of being removed. I cannot conceive that any well grounded doubts can remain of the successful result of a negotiation.

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From the claimants to Drummond Island, I have not as yet received any definite terms. No doubt can however remain of their willingness to accede to reasonable terms.

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Very respectfully
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