

Detroit April 15th 1866

Rev. Francis Piercy
Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of 5th ultimo
has just come to hand and I hasten to beg of you to
assure the Indians that I shall take care no efforts
of Hamilton shall in any way injure their interests —
his petition could neither aid nor injure them — I
have urged their wish to become citizens on the consider-
ation of the President, but this is a matter which it may
require years to accomplish — I think their best
plan will be at the next payment to make two
memorials, one for the State Legislature to petition
Congress for them, and the other direct to the President
& Congress, from themselves, with one from the
whites — and I will accompany it by a letter, but
even then it may require years to get it through;
at all events we will do all we can. Tell them to
be under no apprehension of removal, there is at present
no thought of it, and they must not believe any childish
stories on the subject — They ought never to sign papers,
or agree to any business of importance without laying
it before me, and thus getting counsel from one who they
know will not deceive them: if they follow this course
I will keep them clear of all difficulty, and they need
never be afraid of giving me trouble, for it is both my
interest business and gratification to take care of their
interests. — Should you stand in need the services of
the Carpenter at Grand Haven Bay, let them inform
Dr. Rice of it, & he will let them have him for two or
three months — Rem: me kindly to the Chiefs & head
men &c: & believe me to be &c:

Robert Stuart
Acty: Sup: Ind: aff:

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	Aunt. Broth over		\$12.570	~
2200	Yards saved lish blue cloth	at \$1.50	3.300	~
7000	" Plain Linsey	" 20 ^{cts}	1.400	~
4000	" Sateen	" 75 ^{cts}	3.000	~
1600	" Red Flannel shirts	" 1.20	1.920	~
18.350	" Domestic Calico	" 10 ^{cts}	1.835	~
40	Brass Kettle (aunt's 8 to 12 Gal.) say 50 lbs.	35 ^{cts}	175	~
1.600	Tin do, in nests, such as the Am. Pub. use, say		1.000	~
100	Kegs (25 lbs. each.) Duponts Mfg. Gun powder	4.50	450	~
10.000	lbs. shot assorted sizes	at .05	500	~
100	N.W. Guns as described in Mr. Stewart's report in June last	at \$5.50	550	~
3000	lbs. Holland twine			
750	Sturgeon Twine N: 18.	{ For fishing nets	2.500	~
	Wrappers, boxes, &c. say		300	~
		Dollars	29.500	~

Detroit Novem: 30th 1844

Revd Francois Piercy
Dear Sir:—

I have duly received your two favors of the past month, with your communication of, and prayer that the Indians may be admitted to citizenship, which has been forwarded to Washington, as also their own memorial, and that of the whites, inhabit-
ants of Mackinac &c. I have likewise urged the measure both in my public report and letters, so that all has been done for the present, which rests in our power; but I fear that we shall have to labor for years yet before we attain this important object; we must not however despair, but on the contrary persevere with more and more importunity;

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instruction, if so, they may always depend on my friendship aid and counsel; tell them to believe do evil reports, should they hear any such, but do their duty, and trust in God for his care and protection, which he will never withhold from those who love him. — The Carpenter at Grand Haven will be allowed to aid your Indians next summer for one or two months; please to notify Dr Rice of the period you wish him to commence — Wishing you a pleasant and happy winter, believe me to be,

Dear Sir,

your friend & obt. servant
Robert Stuart
Actg. Supt. Ind. Aff.

Detroit December 2^d 1844

Dr. Justin Rice

Sir:— The enclosed vouchers of Messrs Belote & Cravenack, for the 2^d quarter of 1844, have been sent to me by you without their signature to the receipt; which I did not discover until now notified of the fact, from Washington — please to make out a copy of each and have them signed in duplicate and returned to me as soon as practicable — Mr. Perry the Priest at Little Haven, has requested the services of Robert Campbell, for 2 or 3 months next summer, to aid in building a small vessel for the Indians; have the goodness to arrange the matter that he may go when required — your vouchers for the 4th quarter have been received.

I am respectfully Sir Yr. O.
Robert Stuart
Actg. Supt. Ind. Aff.

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