

Reply of the Ottobas by Pabamitabi.

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My Father: We have considered your words, and we have given our opinions upon the several subjects you have laid before us. And I am selected to make a reply. It is true, the Chippewas and ourselves were originally one people, & we live together as brethren. We are happy to hear what you have spoken to us on the subject of our being at peace. We are glad that you have come to sit down among us. We rejoice to hear that our Great Father who sits beyond the mountains has shown this can-fa-as, & is mindful of what we have done, & what we are doing. I say again, we are happy - very happy to hear of our words.

My Father: The way in which we live, by having peace, is one which our forefathers began. We have followed them. We have seen that this way is profitable & pleasing to the Great Spirit. We have also been advised by those who wear Black Coats to follow in this path. Your words remind us of several things, which they have mentioned to us, & advise us to do. They are the same. And we rejoice that it is so.

My Father: We have given over war & wandering. We live upon our own lands. And we feel anxious to continue upon them, & to secure them for our posterity. We do not wish to part with them. This is what our Chiefs have directed me to say. And it is what I myself feel. And we have to request that you will make our Great Father who sits beyond the mountains, acquainted with our wishes & feelings on this subject.

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My Father: We are pleased to find the door of the Agency opened. We are in need of the aid you have offered us. And we are happy that you have considered the situation of our old men, widows & children. We wish you to divert us when they may apply. We would ourselves remain upon of our want of food & tobacco at this time.

My Father: Your remarks on the bad effects of drinking, are just. Nothing had been more hurtful to us than strong liquor. We have commenced opening our eyes on this subject. Our chiefs are trying to keep it out of our villages. We entreat you to let none come among us. We will ourselves use every effort to aid you in preventing traders from carrying it, on to the lands where we live.

My Father: This is the reply of the nation. You see all our chiefs sitting round. They unite in what I have said. Our young men unite in it. We are of the same mind. And I wish you to consider it, the general reply. Should any other be made, by others who are not present, do not regard it, as the voice of the tribe. I speak for the tribe, & my words are their words.

My Father: We now shake the hands with you, and bid you welcome.

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Chiefs present, in their order.

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1. Nishcajini. Brave Men.
2. Nusawcqust. In the fork of a tree.
3. Nawi muskoda. Middle of a Prairie.
4. Apikoozgun. Smoking mixture.
5. Mukedapona. The Black Bird.
6. Kiminechagun. The Bastard.
7. Patamitebi. He who pulls, or draws.
8. Sagitandowa. Coming down stairs.
9. Pamiwukinang. Corn tapers.
10. Maazunuko. Moose's Track.
11. Ashowanoshi. On a beam in.
12. Chimogomahn. The American.

* In this translation the persons are accompanied to the
 Ende region. The names are in English. The original number is
 not therefore, generally retained, where it is employed in the
 original.

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