



PERSONAL MEMOIRS

OF A

RESIDENCE OF THIRTY YEARS

WITH THE

INDIAN TRIBES

ON THE

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OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS, DETROIT.

1837. *Jan. 5th.* DIFFICULTIES are reported as existing between a party of Indians (of about fifteen souls) of Bobish, and the settlers of Coldwater, Branch county, (township 8, S. range, 5 west.) About forty families have settled there within the last fall and summer. The Indians, who have been in the habit of making sugar and hunting on the public lands, are disposed not to relinquish these privileges, probably not understanding fully their right. Mutual threats have passed, which are repeated by Thomas G. Holden, who requests the interposition of the Department.

Settlers generally move into the new districts with strong prejudices against the Indians, whom they regard, mistakingly, as thirsting for blood and plunder. It only requires a little conciliation, and proper explanations, as in this case, to induce them at once to adopt the proper course.

14th. Articles of a new treaty were this day signed at my office, by the Saginaw chiefs, for the sale of all their reservations in Michigan. These reservations were made under the treaty of September 24th, 1819. They were ceded by them at Wash-

ington, in the spring c advance of money stip by the Senate, and, in object is now attained satisfactory. By this, the entire proceeds of 20th. Rev. Mr. Slat who were parties to th lands in Barry county of the treaty, in trust has been established or Colony. Difficulties h the same lands.

31st. Captain Simor amounting to \$1,700, c entire number of perso three, dividing a fracti old and young fare a present, confirms the among the Indians, and ment, on their part.

Feb. 1st. Delivered a fore a crowded audienc that the whole question rate drinkers men elec ardent spirits, as a beve constitution.

Transmitted to Mr. I sis of the Indian Tribe

Feb. 1st. Mr. Willia "Since I left you at St through. I came up of the melancholy event at Upper Red Cedar La place last fall, in charg last summer; he was in that place. He was a a very amiable temper, unbounded obedience to