

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