

Wilkesbarre April 18th 1791.

Sir,

I am to hold another treaty with the Six Nations. I have proposed to hold it at the Painted Post on the 15th of next June. Tomorrow I shall send off an express to Canadanqui, to General Chapin and Joseph Smith, with a speech to be communicated to all the Six Nations,

inviting

them to the treaty. But it is possible Smith may be absent, and nothing

more be done than to make the Indians understand that I am to hold a treaty with them as above mentioned. Therefore I wish you to come to Wyoming by the first of May at farthest, by which time I shall return from Philadelphia. I shall then give you my speech to carry first to the Indians at Geneseo & at Buffalo Creek, and then to the Mohawks; and

you must either go (if there be time) or get the Chiefs to send runners to the other four nations, to invite the Sachem Chiefs and Warriors

to attend. My present idea is, that you will be in the Indian Country till the time of the treaty, and bring the Indians along with you. The business is important; and I trust you will let nothing prevent your engaging in it.

I am your friend & servant

Timothy Pickering.

Coll. Pickering

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