

To Jasper Parish, Interpreter.

Sir,

I have informed you of the steps I have taken to assemble the Sachems, Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations at a treaty I am to hold with them, by the authority of the United States, at the Painted Post, on the waters of Tioga river. To confirm and enforce the invitation, I have thought it expedient to repeat it. I therefore now hand you a copy of my message of the 17th of last month, to the Sachems, Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations, and a fresh message, referring to the former, and making some

additional observations. Both these messages you are faithfully to interpret to the Indians, at all their castles which, you shall have time to visit. As to the other Indian settlements, you are to request the chiefs to send runners to them, to communicate my messages, and urge them to come to the treaty. If the chiefs of all the tribes attend, the treaty will be the more satisfactory to the Six Nations as well as to the United States. But an exception is to "be made in respect to the Cornplanter and any other chiefs who may have gone or are appointed to go with Colonel Procter, on his message of peace to the Western Indians. They are to perform that service in preference to attending the proposed treaty at the Painted Post. A sufficient number of Sachems, chiefs and warriors will remain behind to represent the Six Nations at the treaty. You will use your endeavours to hasten them forward, that the treaty may be opened by the 15th of June next.

I enquired at Philadelphia for belts and strings of wampum; but could hear of none. The custom of white people is to send messages and speeches on paper. This I explained to the Indians at Tioga; & they were satisfied with that mode of negotiation. Of my second message I give you a duplicate, to

leave, when interpreted, with the Great Chiefs of the Seneca Nation. They will know my hand and seal affixed to it, and accept it in lieu of a belt.

Use all diligence to accomplish the business with which you are now entrusted; and write me an account of your proceeding as often as opportunities shall present.

Your friend

Timothy Pickering.

Wyoming May 9, 1791.

Instructions to Jasper Parrish

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