

Buffalo 24th Oct. 1812

Dear Sir,

Things remain pretty much as when you left here. -

I have this evening recd from the Secy of War a Speech sent from a pretended Council of Indians held at Onondago - Also a letter from Ephriam Webster who signs himself Indian Agent, and interpreter under the State of New York - the Originals are sent back to me. - Websters letter is backed by Jasper Hopper who signs as Clerk of the County - - Thads. Patchen and Polaski King have put their names to the speech Hopper certifies that full faith and credit are due to Websters cuts All the papers are addressed to the President, and Mr. Munroe. The Speech is headed as being from a Delegation of the Oneidas, Onondagas, Stockbridge, Tuscararas, and Senecas, held at their ancient Council fire at Onondaga. -

They complain, that a few of the Indians got together at this place, and were invited to take up the hatchet - this they say is contra to the advice of Genl Washington and contra to the Wishes of their great Prophet, who attended their Council. - - - -

I believe some White people In this County had a hand in it.

I wish you to proceed immediately to the Eastward, and invite all the Young Warriors, of the Oneidas and Onondagas to a Council at this place - I mean those who have arms - let them come soon.

It is necessary the Indians should be united in something

You can state the Indians have not been invited to take up arms.

I shall send for the Indians tomorrow - the Prophet is here on his return - he did not call on me or Jones - If I can see him before he goes home, I shall tell him to stay at Allegany till the War is over. The Secy has directed me to enquire into this business, and report to him. therefore I want you to make all the enquiry possible respecting this Singular Council and let me know. -

If any of the Stockbridge have a wish to attend this great Council let them come and bring arms.

Yours

E. Granger

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