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Canandaigua 25 Jany 1828

To Jasper Parrish Esqr

Sub Agent of the United States

to the Six Nations of Indians

Sir,

Agreeable to your instructions I proceeded immediately to the Indian Village of St. Regis (on the St Lawrence) I then called a Council of the American Indiana also invited the British Indiana to attend, which invitation they accepted. I then read the Communication from Government made inquiries, agreeable to your instructions. I was not able to find that any depredations or violence of any kind had been committed by one party of the Indiana against the other. The nature and extent of the outrage committed in June last by the American Indians, was their hoisting the flag of the United States in Canada (& this was done in the Indian Village, all of which is in Canada) No violence of any kind was used at, or since that time, by one party against the other. - I learnt upon my arrival at St Regis, that two lines had been run by the Commissioners, neither of which has yet been laid down as permanent - In this situation they are without any other boundary line than the old one. -This has been the cause (I fear) of most of the difficulties heretofore existing between them. Both parties are anxious that a boundary line should be fixed through their reservations at present they differ as to the line that should be called the boundary.

The American Indians informed me that the British Indians residing at St. Regis had told them that they must move into the United States in the Spring & leave their Houses &- improvements, most of which are in Canada. The population of the American Indians at St. Regis & within Canada, as near as I could learn is 350 & that of the British Indians 500 - I have endeavoured to enrol the Indians, claiming the protection of this Government, and herewith retort their names -

I was well received by the Indians on both sides, and our Indians gave me assurances that they would obey the orders if the President of the United States, and would cultivate friendly feelings towards each other.

I am respectfully

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