

But as it is necessary to provide against the worst, if the Indians thro the needy Interpreters Should be prevailed on in spite of all you can do to agree that the Americans have the Right of confirming the sales of their Lands, and that none can be Valid without No doubt you will in that case produce your Claims and get the Indians to acknowledge them in open Council and take necessary Steps to secure them, but never at the expense of betraying the Interests of the Indians since the object of Your voyage was to serve them. I am apprehensive that undue means may be taken to gain over the needy Interpreters who have Influence with the Indians to persuade them to Sell or give up the Right of selling their Lands to the states. I know You [are] above bribery let the offer be ever so great. Therefore have nothing to Say on that subject, however other Means may be tried to gain you over such as making you a proposal of so much a year to manage the Indian affairs of the Ottawas and Chippewas who have Urged you to go with them. If that Should happen no doubt you will reject it. Some of Our double Friends have said they would make known to General Wayne those Who acted against him Last year; Poor, Weak, Worthless People, to think that any man in power would dislike those who have faithfully done their duty to the Government they lived under. as you have no favour to ask, and are only with the Indians at their request to befriend them with your advice and to Explain what they Say, you need not care for the snubbs or frowns of any man, you have the means of procuring what you want while at Fort Greenville, Therefore except what good manners and politeness requires is all you have to do with the American Gentlemen who may be there. I before mentioned it to you and now repeat it again that if any articles of Agreement Should be proposed to the Indians by the Americans which they or you do not clearly understand such as Long conventions in writing, You Should advise the Indians to ask leave to send a Copy of it in here before they give an Answer.

It will be necessary for the Indians with whom you go in the first council they hold to mention who you are, and