

us it was the 19th before we reached Fort Adams the 20th we got to Fort recovery and the 21st to Fort Greenville, soon after our arrival a Major of Dragoons, said General Wayne wished to see us, we proceeded to the Council House which is situated in the Fort, here General Wayne received us and shook hands with all the Indians. Omissas a Chippawa Chief who had been chosen to speak for the Ottawas, Pattawattomies, & his nation, asked me for a few Strings of Wampum he had given me in charge & with them made the following Speech

Brothers

We the Chippawas looking over our bundles found your Strings of Wampum that had been given us at Muskingum¹⁹ and thought it time to come and see you at the great Council Fire

General Wayne in Return said

I am extremely happy to see you and more so to hear that you brought the Strings of Wampum gave you at Muskingum, You, Omissas spoke like an honest, sensible, and good hearted man, and I take you again by the hand for your honesty

Omissas to General Wayne

Brothers

Should any one say that they advised us to come to this Council or say they brought us to this place, it's false, we came of our own free will and have brought this English man (meaning me) with us to repeat to us what you say in Council and that we may be instructed with every thing that will be said to us and not be so ignorant of this Council as we were of that of Muskingum

Blue Jackets Speech to General Wayne

Brothers

I am extremely sorry that I have not been able to accom-

¹⁹ In 1788 Governor St. Clair had summoned the representatives of the various northwestern tribes to meet him in council on the Muskingum River, with a view to settling the difficulties between them and the government of the United States. The place of meeting was later changed to Fort Harmar, where a treaty was negotiated early in 1789. Only a small number of the tribesmen were participants in the affair, however, and the treaty was repudiated by the warriors in general.