

year for Nine Years, one of which and the first to be employed or the greater part of it to purchase for Indians Presents and be given them at the ratifying or Confirming their Sale to us and the Trans[fer] from us to to the said New London C^o in getting them to give a fresh Deed in their name. there would then remain 10,000 Dollars for each of the partners and a like sum for Captain M^o Kee. This is a good Dream if it becomes a true one.

All here well may health and happiness attend you and yours is my Dear Old Friend always the Sincere wishes of

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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON

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D^r Sir. I have at last completed my probation at this place, and shall leave it in the morning. A law has this day passed both houses of Congress upon the subject of our land in all respects similar to the bill, I have sometime past forwarded to the County of Wayne. If it meets the signature of the Pres^d, of which I have no doubt, it becomes a law, such as it is, it must be received I could get no better. Judge Chases trial,² which closed yesterday by his acquittal, has operated much against us. It became impossible that it could be debated for want of time and to press an amendment, would have lost the bill. As it now stands equitable claims arising under possession and improvement will be brought fairly before congress for their consideration. I expect that where they are proved bona fide & free of speculation they will be confirmed to a reasonable extent But where predicated upon speculation they will meet a formidable opposition in the House of Representatives. I am of opinion that the remarks of the Commissioners will have great weight in the final decision.

² The impeachment of Judge Samuel Chase of Maryland, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and an associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, was the initial step in a general Republican assault upon the Supreme Court judges. The failure to convict