

great thoroughfare, the Fox River, between these two tribes, to establish such a surveillance over them as effectually to prevent any design or movement the New York Indians might ever attempt, contrary to the wishes or interests of the grantees, or the French inhabitants. After much deliberation, and a good deal of hesitation, it was concluded on the advice chiefly of Hendrick, the Mo-he-kun-nuck chief, to accept the grant. A treaty was accordingly drawn up by Mr. Trowbridge, and signed by the parties on the 18th of August, and witnessed by the citizens and U. S. officers at the post. Five hundred dollars were paid the Menomonees and Winnebagoes at the time, and fifteen hundred dollars stipulated to be paid in goods the following year, in full for the cession.

On returning to New York, Mr. Williams found a more formidable opposition to his proceedings, than he had met with at Green Bay. The Oneidas had held several councils disapproving of the whole plan of removing to Green Bay, condemning Mr. Williams' movements in the most severe terms, formally and solemnly repudiating the purchase at the West, and announcing, in the most earnest manner possible, their determination never to remove. All the other tribes, except the St. Regis, very soon took corresponding action on the subject, and censured in the severest manner the young men, delegates, who had assumed as such, to pledge the several tribes to their Western brethren. These proceedings were duly laid before the War Department. The Oneidas immediately divided into two parties on this question, as did also the Onondagas and Tuscaroras. The Senecas, as a body, all remained under the influence of their head chief, steadily opposed.

The tact and skill of Williams among the Indians, and the Ogden Land Company with the Department, enabled the friends of the measure to prosecute it still further; all the old delegates in all the tribes remained true, and induced considerable numbers of their immediate friends to join them. They had no idea of remaining satisfied with the trifling cession obtained of the