

them, just in time to save them from the rapacity of Indian and white sharpers from New York, and that now they could in place of giving away their country to the New Yorkers, sell a small portion of it to the United States, and have heavy annuities for all time to come. It was unnecessary for him to repeat the argument. His plan was as much opposed by the French and traders as that of the New York Indians had been, but without the least effect. The Menomonees were for going to Washington and making a treaty to get annuities. Stambaugh applied to Gov. Cass, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, for permission to take ten of the Menomonee chiefs to Washington that fall—got a flat refusal, to which he paid not the least attention, but left Green Bay with fourteen Menomonees on the 8th November, 1830. Arriving at Detroit about the 20th, he was received with evident surprise and reserve by the Superintendent. Prolific in excuses, he soon made it fair weather with Gov. Cass, who sanctioned the proceeding, and added Robert A. Forsyth, his special confidant in all Indian matters, and John T. Mason, late Secretary of Michigan Territory, to the delegation.

Mr. Williams, and Daniel Bread, principal chief of the Oneidas, had followed up Col. Stambaugh to Detroit, and were by Gov. Cass also added to the party, all of which were now under Col. Stambaugh, as Indian Agent from Green Bay, travelling toward Washington at public charge. The 11th of December found the whole party in Washington, and duly recognized by Hon. Mr. Eaton the Secretary of War, and Gen. Jackson, President of the United States. The occasion was one of intense interest to all parties concerned. John W. Quinney, one of the Stockbridge tribe (Hendrick having died four years before), was in attendance for the Stockbridges. Thos. L. Ogden, Esq., of New York, protected the rights of the New York Indians, and incidentally the interests of the Ogden Land Company, who had not yet abandoned the hope of procuring the proper location, and inducing several bands of Senecas to migrate to Green Bay.

The Menomonees were formally presented to the President, and