

move to the Indian Territory, south-west of the Missouri. The agency of the General Government was obtained, and a commissioner, Ranson H. Gillett, appointed on the part of the United States, to treat with the "chiefs, head-men and warriors of the several tribes of the New York Indians."

The treaty purports to have been made at Buffalo Creek, on the 15th of January, 1838. The United States are styled one of the parties, though in fact they had but a small share in the transaction. The ostensible object would seem to have been, the providing the several bands of the Senecas with a *home*! To a careful observer, the result sets forth quite a different purpose. But not to anticipate. The first article, after the preamble, contains a relinquishment or cession by the New York Indians of "all their right, title and interest to the lands secured to them at Green Bay by the Menomonee treaty of 1831." This cession purports to be made by the New York Indians, as if for those who had acquired the lands. But not one of the individuals subscribing this treaty, except Eleazer Williams as for the St. Regis, ever had any lot or part whatever in bringing about the Green Bay treaties. They were, one and all, of those who had always opposed and repudiated those treaties, and the acquisitions under them. The parties really interested in those treaties were all at Green Bay, and had no cognizance of this Buffalo Creek treaty.

However, as if sensible of this fact, and for a show of justice to the few Oneidas, and others there, this cession contains what purports to be a reservation, doubtless as if for their benefit; the reserving clause is, however, unintelligible, and in fact reserves nothing—vide U. S. Indian Treaties, p. 55. So then the New York Indians living on their reservations in that State, in 1838, affect to sell out their lands in Wisconsin! Then the United States for such a cession, are made on their part to stipulate, to provide all the New York Indians homes south-west of Missouri, to include one million eight hundred and twenty-four thousand acres of the best land in the West; and to pay them the sum of 411,000 dollars in cash, besides for sundry improvements some 50,000 dollars more!