

The only consideration to the United States, for this immense stipulation in favor of the New Yorkers, is a cession of their pretended rights (which were void and valueless) to about 100,000 acres at Green Bay, worth at that day about ten cents per acre, say ten thousand dollars. It is clear, that this immense sum was not to be paid to the Senecas, Tuscaroras, Tonnewandas, and Onondagas, for their rights at Green Bay, the only consideration made in the deed of cession.

It is natural to inquire after the real consideration that these tribes were to offer for these 1,824,000 acres of choice land in Missouri, and the \$411,000 in cash. It is proposed in this treaty to furnish them *homes* in the West. Had they no homes in New York? A little further on in the treaty, we find they had 117,469 acres of the best land in New York, probably under-estimated by the commission one quarter; call it, at least, 150,000 acres, worth ten dollars an acre at that day, making the snug little sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars for the reservations. Where did this go to? The reservations were all ceded by this hocus pocus legerdemain proceeding, called a treaty between the United States and the Seneca Indians, to Messrs. Ogden and Fellows, for the ostensible sum of two hundred and two thousand dollars. This treaty after all had but slight bearing on affairs at Green Bay; it left the bona fide settler from the New York tribes, in full possession of their lands, which, but for their own counsels, they might have had to this day.*

It is necessary to allude to but one other transaction touching the New York Indian settlement at Green Bay. In February of the same year, 1838, under the advice of Rev. Solomon Davis, their missionary, the Oneidas resolved on having some money, and for that purpose negotiated with the United States. They were the sole representatives of the large cession of the treaty of

*It may be added, that this treaty of the Ogden Company with the Senecas, which was obtained by fraud and bribery, was so materially amended by the United States Senate, as to make it almost a new one, and still it was not satisfactory to a majority of the Senecas, who yet remain in the occupancy of their ancient and much loved domain. L. C. D.