

the enemy. Ne-gwa-gon, then a man of middle age, remained a steadfast friend, and, as far as permitted, took up the tomahawk for the Che-mo-ke-mun. One of his sons fell fighting our battles at Maguaga, and the great chief adopted the late Austin E. Wing, Esq., as his son, in the place of the deceased.

When the enemy had taken possession of the country, Ne-gwa-gon, with his family and band, retired to his hunting ground on the main land near Mackinac. He planted his small American flag in his camp in the woods, and lived by the chase. The British commanding officer at Mackinac sent an officer and fifteen men to take away the flag. The officer, with his party, found the chief alone; his band were hunting. "I have come," said the officer, "to take away that flag; it is the flag of the Che-mo-ke-mun, and must not fly here. The Saginash* alone now own the country."

Ne-gwa-gon was one of the finest specimens of humanity; he was over six feet in height, straight as the oaks of his own forest, with powerful muscular developments, and with a manly countenance and bearing. He was a man of strong intellect, and possessed the resolution and courage of a lion. The old chief's dark eyes flashed at the demand for his flag; he rose to his feet, strode forward to his flag, lowered it, and winding it around his left arm, drew his tomahawk from his belt, and turning to the officer, he sternly said: "Saginash, Ne-gwa-gon is the friend of the Che-mo-ke-mun; he has but one flag and one heart. If you take one, you shall take the other." Then, giving a tremendous war-whoop, (the signal for his braves to assemble,) he looked sternly and silently at the officer, who began to think that "discretion was the better part of valor," and hastily retired to his boat, and returned to Mackinac. The gallant old chief re-hoisted his flag, and kept it flying till the end of the war.

*Saginash is a very common Indian designation for white people, but here is evidently designed to refer more especially to the English, and Che-mo-ke-mun to the Americans.