

happy and that if we followed their counsel we should have no trouble.

“At a council we held in 1827, at Little Butte des Morts, Gen. Cass told us the same thing—that the Americans were our friends, and if we followed their advice we should always be happy. Again in 1836, at Cedar Point, we met Gov. Dodge, who came from the General Government to treat with us and told us that whatever he promised, our Great Father, the President, would perform. Our Great Father, he said, was very glad that we had submitted to his wishes and made a treaty to cede a part of our lands. And he promised that our Great Father, the President, would always protect us like his own children, and would always hold our hands in his.

“Gov. Dodge told us that our Great Father was very strong, and owned all the country, and that no one would dare to trouble us, or do us wrong, as he would protect us. He told us, too, that whenever we got into difficulty or anything happened we did not like, to call on our Great Father and he would have justice done. And now we come to you to remind our Great Father, through your paper, of his promise, and to ask him to fulfill it.

“We always thought much of Gov. Dodge, as an honest man, and we thought more of him, when he came to us, on the part of the Government. We believed all that he told us. We have done what we agreed to do. We have been always friendly with the whites, and have even taken up arms for them against our Indian brothers. If any of our young men were foolish, the chiefs were the first to rebuke them and to give them good advice. We have respected our white neighbors. And now we want their help.

—“It was at the Payment, at Lake Pauwaygan, made by Col. Jones, that this boy was born. I then lived on the Wisconsin River, and was notified to come to the payment with my tribe. The roll had all been made up, and the payment was to be made the next day. During the night this boy was born. I was told of it in the morning, and asked Col. Jones to put his