

write you again hereafter. I send you his communication and the speech, because the time is so near in which you wish to publish, that I thought it not expedient to wait longer.

I have read with considerable care, Mr. Ellis' paper in the Second Annual Report. With much that Mr. Ellis mentions, I was personally knowing to, and in the midst of the affairs when they transpired. So far as my recollection serves me, his statements may be relied upon.

There is one thing, however, that is mentioned in a note on page 420, of the 2d Vol. *Hist. Colls.*, with which I am disposed to differ. It is there stated that Dr. Morse first originated the plan or idea of the Stockbridges removing to Green Bay. Old Metoxen frequently told me, that over a hundred years ago a delegation from their nation visited the Sacs and Foxes when they resided at Green Bay; and that their grandchildren (the Sacs, &c.), invited them to come and settle down with them then, and as an inducement they said they "would give them beaver-skins for their bed."

As a choice present, the Sacs and Foxes sent their Grandfather (a term which they apply to the Stockbridges to this day) a large piece of red pipe-stone, as large as one man could carry. "Ever since," said the aged Metoxen, "we have kept this in mind." He said that their league of friendship with the Sacs and Foxes was formed when the former resided in Canada. Ever since the chain of friendship has been kept bright. That covenant was renewed during the Sac war of 1832. The latter heard that their Grandfather was going to strike them (in Indian parlance), and they sent a delegation, it seems, on purpose to know if that was the case. They (the Stockbridges) assured them it was not so. The covenant of peace and friendship was then renewed, and the delegation returned.

But, Sir, I cannot review the scenes with which I have been conversant, and the whole history of the transactions of Government agents with the New York Indians, as they have