

tioned, before going West, had to proceed to Albany, New York, for the purpose of procuring funds for expenses and goods for the nation, and the means to make a proportionate payment to the Winnebagoes and Menomonees for lands purchased from them by the New York tribes the preceding year, (1821). Time occupied from the middle of July to November 24th, say four months. [1822—four months.]

All things being satisfactorily arranged by the New York tribes about their purchases of lands at Green Bay, the Stockbridges determined to secure their rights by immediate possession. They settled upon a plan of removal by detachments—one to go each year until all were removed. To defray the expenses connected therewith, they depended upon the avails of the small quantity of land still held by them in New Stockbridge, New York. One company had already removed, when I was appointed to negotiate for the passage of a law by the Legislature of the State to give the tribe the full value of the balance of their lands, in order to carry out the arrangements made. The subject was kindly entertained, and a law passed during the winter of 1825, granting the wishes of the tribe in full. This Act is memorable as being the first ever passed by the New York Legislature, to give an Indian tribe full value for their lands. Among the Stockbridges, it was a *plume of credit* to the humble negotiator. On this occasion I was absent from home only three months. [1824-5—3 months.]

In 1827, the United States held a Treaty at the *Little Butte des Morts*, on Fox River, with various Indian tribes, at which delegations from all those of New York were present. The professed object of this Treaty was to settle boundaries between the different tribes. Instead of doing this, however, the United States Commissioners procured from the Menomonees a cession of lands which they had previously ceded to the New York tribes. This wanton violation of their rights they could not believe was authorized by the President of the United States, and they resolved to appeal to him for redress.