

of 1831—by which the difficulties referred to were endeavored to be settled, the Menomonee delegation complained of encroachments by the Pottawatomies, Winnebagoes and New York Indians, and alleged never having sold lands to the latter. Strange to say, they were negotiated with as though they had not done so. The Treaty was concluded in total disregard of the rights of the New York Indians. They were treated as intruders, and as if they had no home in the Green Bay country, though they had secured one there at great expense and many sacrifices and hardships. By the Treaty as concluded, this was to be wrested from them, as had previously been their lands on White River, in Indiana, by the Treaty of 1818. Their delegation came to Washington, disposed to agree to any arrangements that would do them substantial justice, but their rights being thus disregarded, they were reluctantly compelled to remonstrate against the Treaty being ratified, unless amended in such manner as to do them justice. In consequence of our remonstrances, the ratification of the Treaty was postponed for that session of Congress, and we returned home. I was absent from home, and engaged on the foregoing matters, from November 1st to April 31st, nearly six months. [1830-31—six months.]

It is true, that by the Treaty above referred to, a country was purchased of the Menomonees, for the New York Indians, and that it was not far from where they then resided, but the idea of being again thrust out of their homes, and to have to go through the severe and trying ordeal of re-establishing themselves in a new location, filled them with dread and dismay.— Still, as glowing descriptions had been given of the country, and its advantages, and they were disposed to comply with the wishes of the authorities of the United States, they concluded to have it examined, to see whether, without too great sacrifices, they would be justified in accepting it, and acquiescing in the Treaty. After a fair and impartial examination, however, it was found to be entirely unsuit-