

Northwest, as far as Green Bay, and made an elaborate report to the War Department. The subject of finding a home west of Lake Michigan for some of the New York Indians had been discussed. The Stockbridge Indians were in favor of it. Dr. Morse was their friend and adviser, and as such he visited them the next year after his return from Green Bay. They suggested that their friends and neighbors, the Oneidas, should be sounded, and invited to join in the project. Dr. Morse visited Oneida in October, 1820, and saw Williams who was already ripe for the adventure. Williams always claimed that he himself was the originator of the whole scheme. A council of the Oneidas, and especially the Pagan party, or, as designated, the second Christian party, was called, all the chiefs attending. Dr. Morse opened the council, and set forth the great advantage it would be to them to remove to Green Bay; Mr. Williams acted as the interpreter; and the Indians answered.

After the council adjourned, Dr. Morse asked Williams for the speech of the Indian chief in writing, Williams promised to have it ready in a day or so. The time went by and the speech was not ready; but Williams would send it to him. The Doctor said it might be left with his friend, Judge Breese, who lived only two miles from Williams' house. It was this speech of the chiefs of the second Christian party, in reply to Dr. Morse's address, that Mr. Williams wished me to write from his notes. It took him two days to prepare it from his memoranda, and me nearly as long to write it out, presentable for Judge Breese. It was finally accomplished; Williams signed the names of the Indian chiefs, and the speech went off to Dr. Morse.

The next year, 1821, Dr. Morse (it might have been Judge Breese, acting for Dr. Morse), on a visit to the Stockbridges, was told the chiefs of the second Christian party of the Oneidas were opposing the removal to Green Bay, with all their might. He immediately repaired to Oneida, found the tribal interpreter, Martinus Denny, Mr. Williams being absent, with whose help the chiefs of the second Christian party were assembled in council. Dr. Morse told them he had come a second time to confer with them about their removal to Green Bay; that the matter was in