

favorable progress, a party being then out there, under the patronage of the government, and that he was disappointed to learn that, though the first Christian party of the Oneidas were represented in the delegation, the second Christian party were unrepresented. He then reminded them of their answer to his proposition made to them on the subject in council a year ago. They asked what it was? He then read, and had interpreted to them, extracts from their speech to him as furnished by Mr. Williams. After reading and having interpreted several sentences, their chief speaker stopped the interpreter, and asked Dr. Morse where he got that speech? He told them it was what they answered him a year before, and was interpreted by Williams.

The chiefs then answered that they had never made any such answer to him a year ago, or at any other time; that the whole thing was a lie from beginning to end, and advised him to burn it up at once, as it was none of theirs. That while they were made to say in that paper, that as "they were old men, perhaps they would not go out there themselves, that nevertheless they would make provisions for their young men to go." They did, in fact, say to him in reply, that they would not remove to Green Bay; and that they would furthermore advise their people, young and old, to have nothing to do with that scheme, and that they would oppose it in every way possible. That is what we did say; and the chiefs repeated with great earnestness that the paper from which he had been reading as their speech was a lie, a wicked lie, and again begged of him to burn it.

Williams being then at Green Bay, with a delegation of Oneidas, Onondagas, Tuscaroras, and Stockbridges, no explanation was offered Dr. Morse. But afterward, on his attention being called to the repudiation of the speech by the chiefs of the Pagan or second Christian party, he was ready with an immediate answer, "that interested white men had persuaded them to change their minds and oppose emigration to Green Bay." How far this explanation might have satisfied Dr. Morse, it had no weight whatever with either the Indians or intelligent white people in the vicinity—all united in stigmatizing it as only another of Williams' subterfuges. Accidents of this sort occurring almost