

of wampum, and asked the help of the Sioux. They all refused but pine tops, and he repeated the assurances — “Go strike the first blow and the Sioux will then help you.” Under these feelings the Winnebagoes left them, and struck the blow on the boats, and at this place.¹

I have in one case recommended a purchase to be bounded east by a line from the mouth of Pine River about half way from this to the portage, on the Wisconsin, to the point of intersection between the line running due west from the south end of Lake M. and the northwestern line of the Illinois canal purchase; and that a treaty should be held next summer at this place. Gen'l Atkinson promised the Indians that com'rs should be app'd to treat with them in relation [to] the lead-mine difficulties.

I find Gen'l Clark² is resolved I shall move here, or he, I fear, will endeavor to have me removed. He spoke very positively on the subject of my removal to this place. An immediate removal would subject me to some smart sacrifices — to meet debts which my salary would extinguish if I had a little time to make sales and gradually diminish my debts. If I must move this ensuing year or loose the place I shall certainly move, for I cannot do without it. If commissioners are appointed to treat with the Indians for these lands or other purposes, and I could be one of them, the additional sum would enable me to move without any great sacrifice. And I believe I could write a much better treaty than $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of those I see. Your treaties are the only ones that are *definite* in their lines or terms. Harrison's are the next best. If in writing to Washington you would mention me as being on the spot, and a fit person, if you think I am, you would greatly serve me in my depression. I will mention it to some friends also in Congress.³

I have met several chiefs and tolerable large parties of Indians, and had some talks with them. As you advised

¹ *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, v., 143; *Hist. Crawford Co.*, p. 199.— ED.

² See *ante*, p. 258, note 2.— ED.

³ Street's wishes were not granted. The next treaty with the Winnebagoes was concluded at Green Bay, August 25, 1828, Cass and Menard being the commissioners.— ED.