

about ten, if at my own expence, or it might give offence and prevent our negotiation from progressing favorably.

27. Friday. Again in council. There are now 1740 Indians attending. We told the menominies we wished to hear from them. Accordingly Oushcosh [Oshkosh] arose and stated that they had not sold the Wappinackies any land—they had given them the privilege to settle down among them but he knew of no writing nor had he signed any untill the treaty of Buttes des Morts in 1827, by Govr. Cass. He said he wished to know of his brothers the Wappenakies [what] they had to say and what they want of them. The Winnebagoes were called upon to speak. The head chief, Four-legs, answered that what had been said by his brother in behalf of the Minominies was agreeable to his opinion and the feelings of his nation, but wished to know what the Wappenakies had to say, but at present he had no more to speak.

In the afternoon met in council. The New York Indians presented a very lengthy memorial setting forth their reasons &c. why they were Intitled to an individed right with the Minominies, a part of which was interpreted to the Indians, but owing to its great length and not necessary to the information of Minominies and Winnebagoes, they being unable to understand its bearing, we ceased to Interpret it, and only ordered it to be filed by the secretary.

At night a band of the Winnebagoes appeared, painted all coulors—not only their faces but their bodies—before the door of the house where we boarded, incouraged by some and Treated by others with whiskey. They held the war dance and kept it up untill 10 o'clock at night, with all their disfigured and distorted countenances—naked except Breech clouts. All with some kind of warlike weapon and horrid yell, made them resemble so many infernals.

28th. Saturday. Met in council. The New York Indians told their Red Brethren, the Winnebagoes & Menominies, that they wanted only their rights—that they might live in friendship—and they ought to have all the land on Fox River from Winnebago lake down to Rapid de Pierre, and that width running N. West 30 miles