

tract of land situated at the Saut. Though this claim was of a doubtful nature, yet for some few presents a Treaty of cession was concluded between the United States and these Indians for 16 square miles situate on the River; commencing at the white rock above Saut and extending two miles below the village at the foot of the rapids. This Treaty is of great importance to the U. S.; it will probably be ratified, and a post established here next season.

During the Council a Brittish flag was hoisted by one of the chiefs' at his lodge. As soon as it was discovered the Gov. went up to the lodge alone, and at some distance from our camp, jerked down the flag and treading it on the ground told him the United States could crush him and his nation in the same way. He and the Indians were much frightened, and I think it in a great measure conduced to the Treaty. For previous to this, when the chiefs were retiring to reflect of the Govs. proposals, as the presents offered lay on the ground in the tent, some of the Indians as they passed kicked them one side very contemptuously. That night some trouble was apprehended from the offended chief, or *count* as he was called. Every one lay with his fire arms beside him, but no disturbance was made.

The son and daughter of Col. Johnson were very polite to the party. They are well educated and accomplished. Their mother is a large fleshy Squaw of the Chippeway tribe.² During the time we were at the Saut, day light

¹ Sassaba, who had lost a brother in the Battle of the Thames, under Tecumseh.—Ed.

² The chief trader was John Johnston, an educated Scotch-Irishman, who had settled at the Sault in 1793, and "espoused a squaw in Christian marriage." Says our author: "Although now absent on a visit to Europe, his family received us with marked urbanity and hospitality, and invited the gentlemen composing the travelling family of Governor Cass to take all our meals with them. Everything at this mansion was done with ceremonious attention to the highest rules of English social life; Miss Jane, the eldest daughter, who had received her education in Ireland, presiding." See further references to Johnston, in article "The Story of Chequamegon Bay," *post.*—Ed.