

A MILL SITE ON THE WEST SHORE OF GREEN BAY.

United States	}	Lease from Menominee Indians
to		
John P. Arndt		

Whereas our Great Father the President of the United States, has, for the benefit of his red children of the Menominee Nation directed, that a Grist and saw mill, be erected in our neighborhood and has given permission to John P. Arndt,¹ to do the same upon conditions hereinafter mentioned and of which we do highly approve, now therefore, Know all men by these presents, that we Oaskash alias "the Claw" Oh-ke-me-ne-shaw alias "Great Wave" Sthai-ki-tok alias "Scare all," chiefs of the Menominee Nation of Indians residing in the vicinity of Green Bay, Territory of Michigan in order to facilitate the object of erecting a grist & saw mill as aforesaid do give permission to the said John P. Arndt his heirs and assigns, to erect occupy and improve said Grist and saw mills, and to cut and use any timber necessary either for building or sawing into lumber upon and adjacent to a creek or stream of water usually called *Paissacue*, situated about twenty miles from Fort Howard and on the west side of Green Bay to have and to hold the said mills, Mill seat, and all necessary privileges to carry on and keep in operation the same, subject to the pleasure of the United States Government with free access and egress without let or hindrance from the Menominee Nation so long as it shall be agreeable to our Great Father the President for the said John P. Arndt his heirs or assigns to occupy them as such.

To all which we do well and truly agree, upon the following conditions (viz) — I That the said John P. Arndt, his heirs and assigns shall yield immediate & quiet possession of said mills, with all their privileges to the United

¹ Arndt, a Pennsylvania-German, arrived in Green Bay in 1823. He was the first ferryman there (1825), and for many years the leader of the French fur-trading element on the lower Fox River. Many amusing stories are told of him in Mrs. Kinzie's *Wau Bun*.— Ed.