

These instructions further say— "*it is desirable that a partial examination be made of the lands ceded between Lake Michigan and Green Bay,*" and add, that "*any survey of the country will be useless and unnecessary until the Treaty be ratified; a general view of it, its situation, soil and capacity for those who are to inhabit it is all that will be necessary, and to these it is requested you will give your attention, in the examination to be made, that the Senate when they come to act upon this long contested matter, may thoroughly comprehend the whole grounds of controversy, and be able definitely to adjust and settle it.*"

I have the honor to inform you that the duties prescribed by the above instructions, have been performed. And, as the controversy which has given origin to the proposed examination has assumed an imposing attitude, and has become of serious importance to the Government, I have quoted my Instructions thus copiously, for the purpose of showing that I have not transcended the powers they convey, by the latitude I have found it necessary to take in the prosecution of my investigations. It would be entirely impossible to place this "long contested matter" before the Senate, in such a form as would enable that body to "thoroughly comprehend the whole ground of controversy," by a brief Geographical sketch of the country, "ceded by the Menominie Treaty." I have, therefore, applied all the means within my power to obtain a full and correct understanding of the subject matter of this dispute, and have embraced the result of my inquiries, relating to the original cause, commencement and progress of the controversy, in my Report to you of the 14th of August, to which you will find it necessary to refer in examining this communication.

That report exhibits all the testimony upon which each party relies for a favorable judgment, and, when considered in connection with the facts contained in this communication, the object contemplated by the spirit of my instructions will, I trust, be accomplished. In this letter I have deemed it sufficient to give, first, a general view of the whole country claimed by the Menominies; describe the sit-