

have settled upon the land set apart for them by the Treaty made last winter,—I advised them to do so on account of their own comfort and safety, and strove to convince them that "their conduct in settling upon this land in direct opposition to the provisions of the Treaty, which had already received the sanction of the President, and had been laid before the Senate, would be construed as a disregard of the authority of the Government, and might be prejudicial to their interests. They replied, that they had their "*own boundaries*, and would settle where they pleased on any land which had been obtained originally from the Menominies, by the New York Tribes, and which *they* afterwards had purchased." They are now erecting huts at this place and appear determined to retain their position.

The principal Menomonie Chiefs have earnestly demanded the removal of the Brothertowns. They appeared much exasperated, at first, and it was with some difficulty they could be restrained from using force to remove the intruders. I assured the Menominies that the removal of the stranger Indians upon this land would not impair their treaty stipulations with the United States, nor diminish the kind feeling entertained toward them by the government, but that, should the Treaty be ratified by the Senate, all its provisions would be carried into effect. With this assurance the Chiefs left me apparently satisfied, although some of their finest sugar Camps are on the land occupied by the Brothertown Indians, which will be much injured if not entirely destroyed by their settlement.

Having now, sir, exhibited the *present* location and condition of the New York Tribes, who have emigrated to this country, in a manner which I trust will enable you to form a correct opinion relative to their change of position, by comparison; I will proceed to give you a description of the country provided by the Treaty for their permanent homes. The information I have the honor of communicating to you may be found deficient in geographical description, but I can vouch for its correctness, and I trust you will find it intelligible.