

labor I have been at to collect materials for a faithful history. I feel deeply anxious for the prosperity of this country, which cannot advance a single step so long as it is distracted by the dispute between the Indians; and, believing that you feel an equal interest in the subject, I will venture to introduce a few more facts which will go to show how vitally important the provisions of the Menominee Treaty are to the very existence of the contemplated Territory of Huron.

I beg leave first to call your attention to the Territorial Bill which passed the H. of R. of the United States, during the session of 1827-'28: and also to the boundaries established by a similar Bill, which has been reported in the House of Representatives, on the 6th of January, 1830, by Mr. Clark, from the Committee on Territories. The 13th Section of this Bill enacts: "*That the seat of Government of the Territory of Huron, shall be established at the village of Menominee<sup>1</sup> on the Fox river:*" and this "village of Menominee" is in the heart of Green Bay settlement, on the east side of the river. Now the original claim set up by the New York Indians embraces all the Menominee country on both sides of Fox river, and Green Bay, from Winnebago Lake to Lake Michigan. Thus, you will perceive, that if the legality of this claim be admitted by government, and the Bill organizing the new Territory should pass, with its present provisions, the territorial limits, surrounding the *seat of government, will be confined to six miles square, the extent of the present confirmed claims!* The Government cannot have correct information on this subject, or surely Congress would not pass a Bill, forming a new Territory under such circumstances, but would await the decision of a question so important to the interests of the new Territory, and which decision might so materially change the operations of the Bill.

The New York Tribes pretend to claim as an agricultural people, and declare that they "did not purchase from the

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<sup>1</sup> Menomoneeville (or Shantytown), a portion of Green Bay, platted in 1829. See map in *Wis. Hist. Coll.*, xiv, p. 430.—Ed.