

Menominies for the purpose of speculation, but to procure a home for themselves and their posterity." If this be true, government cannot obtain an acre of Land within seventy miles of the seat of the Territorial government, and the passes to it, from the Mississippi above, and the Lakes below, will be through an Indian country. The Menominies, stripped of the largest portion of their country by the New York Tribes, will have no more land to sell; and thus, this extensive, fertile and delightful country, *worth several millions of dollars*, will be lost to the government, and its rich prospects of soon becoming a flourishing agricultural and commercial country, entirely blighted.

I have given you a full account of the nature and extent of the claims set up by the New York Indians, in my report of the 16th of August, to which, I now respectfully refer you. That communication embodies all the facts of the case, and adduces all the testimony relied upon by the several parties. The different *claims* and *offers*, made at various times; with the present locations of the New York Tribes, and the country provided for their future homes by the late Treaty, are delineated on the Map which I will forward with this communication. This map is not as accurate or descriptive, as I could wish it; but there is no material error, and it gives a correct general view of the position of the country. Any deficiency or error in the Map or in this Report, may be supplied by Col. Robert Irwin, Hon. James D. Doty and Morgan L. Martin, Esq., of this place, who will be at Washington during the ending session of Congress. To these gentlemen I respectfully refer you, also, on the subject of the claims of the New York Indians.

I conceive it proper, although these claims are made the subject matter of another report, to introduce them in this communication, under the various shapes they have assumed since the commencement of the dispute. The country claimed by the New York Tribes, by virtue of their arrangements with the Menominies, concluded in 1821 & 1822, contains *six million seven hundred and twenty thousand acres of land*. These claims were immediately contested by the Me-