

"Capt. Jones" was used, as "Sam Slick" is used oftener than Judge Haliburton. The termination "ek" added to a man's name denotes his residence, like the apostrophe is to your name or mine. Thus "Welekuolke" changed sometimes into "Pelekuolke", simply meant Capt.

Jones's, and has nothing to do with the form or fashion of the place. So may it often be.

You see, then, that two separate and distinct ideas are to be kept in view in fishing out Indian names; first - the meaning of the word; second - the reason why this name was appropriated.

An Indian who understands his own language is capital authority in the first case, his guess work in the second may be as valuable as your own, or more or less so. Of course, there are cases where there is no difficulty. But take the name "Mestogook", "The gunwad", there can be no end to the guessing why a place should be called "gunwad", a very pretty name by the way in English.

But I will not write a dissertation on names. There may be some not here given that you would like to see, and you can, if you please, mention them. And I intend to follow the thing up, now that I am in it, a little further, for my own satisfaction. Everything bearing on the Indians, their history and their welfare, ought to be, and I hope it is, interesting to me - and should be to every Christian, patriot or philanthropist.

Yours very truly,

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