

Assekumack, on the day of his arrival here (6th inst) informed me that he call'd on the American Indian Agent at Metchumacki: nack who shew'd him two medals, one of which is for the purpose of appointing a great head chief to the Ottawa nation and the other for a chief of inferior distinction, thro' whom the American Government propose transacting all their business with that nation. - The ceremony of creating these chiefs is deferred until the arrival of Governor Cass who is expected ^{to visit} Mackinac about the beginning of July. - Suspecting that Assekumack might be the person to whom they would offer the principal mark of distinction and, believing as I do that he would not accept of it, I thought it best not to ask a question or make a remark on the subject but leave to his own judgment the choice of firm by establishing his attachment and gratitude to the British Government or the reverse. -

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant

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