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PREFACE.

THE following Address, recently delivered, has been published under the hope that the subject of the wrongs done to the Indian tribes of our country by designing men, may claim more of the public attention. Surrounded as the Seneca Indians are with the conveniences of civilized life, they now are beginning to appreciate the efforts heretofore made by benevolent individuals and associations for their benefit. In order to enable these Indians to retain their lands, and encourage them to withstand the combined efforts of unprincipled men, who are endeavouring to wrest by fraud their property from them, it is hoped the citizens of our common country will join in petitioning the Senate not to ratify the Treaty which the agents of both the Land Company and others, have been endeavouring to make with a part of the Chiefs, during the past year, should they succeed in obtaining it.

In proof of the kind of fraud resorted to, the reader is referred to the case of John Snow's Contract.* In order to obtain his signature and influence, not only is a large sum of money to be paid him, but it is also guaranteed that he shall continue to possess his land, and shall not be compelled to remove. Thus, those who are openly and honestly contending for their rights, and entreating for the unmolested possession of their homes, are by the treachery of others, to be forced to relinquish them, whilst those who have thus betrayed them, are to remain in the enjoyment of their lands, and in addition, to receive a large sum of money as the price of their treachery; and this bribe is offered ostensibly for the *Indian's good*, by those professing to be christians. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

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* See Appendix—page 19.