

the Commissioners in Order to effect an Agreement with them respecting their Lands; It was resolved that Mr. Kirkland be employed for this Purpose, and that Instructions be prepared for his Conduct, which was done and signed by the Governor, and are in the Words following:

Sir: On your Arrival in the Country of the Cayugas, you will take every Opportunity of explaining to the Chiefs of that Nation, the Nature of the Settlement which has taken Place with the Onondagoes and Oneidas, and to impress upon their Minds the absolute Necessity of their coming to some similar Settlement with us, and to this End to invite them to attend at New York this Fall or at Albany early next Winter. It is unnecessary to particularize to you the Reasons to be urged to induce the Indians to a Compliance, as you have heard them repeatedly at the present Treaty. It is sufficient to observe that the Peace of the State and the Existence of these Indians as a People, depend on coming to some permanent Agreement respecting their Lands with the State so as effectually to frustrate the Designs of a Set of disorderly White People who have lately intruded among them for wicked Purposes.

As a small Part of the Lands of the Senecas is supposed to lie East of the Line of Cession to the Massachusetts, it is the Wish of the Commissioners that the Chiefs of the Tribes connected with the Cayugas may be informed of the Nature of our Settlement with the Oneidas and Onondagoes, and that a sufficient Number of the Chiefs of such Tribes to transact this Business should attend with the Cayuga Chiefs; but as the latter Object is small we cannot be justified in putting the State to any considerable Expence to procure the Attendance of the Senecas. If the Indians can come to New York the Commissioners think it would be best for them to pass by the Way of Esopus.¹

The Commissioners rely upon your Attachment to the Interest of the State, and trust much to your Prudence in

¹ Now Kingston, Ulster County.