

tion received yesterday from Mr. Kirkland and the Letter from Ryckman and Reed, Resolved that it is the Opinion of the Board that it is proper to accede to the Propositions of the said Peter Ryckman and Seth Reed, and that a Letter be written to them desiring them to bring a National Representation of the Cayuga Indians to this Place as soon as may be practicable, and that the Board will recommend them to the Bounty of the Legislature for their Services. And a Letter to the said Ryckman and Reed and a Message were accordingly prepared and agreed to, which are in the Words following, to wit:

Gent^l:

I have laid Mr. Read's and your Letter of the 7th October last before the Commissioners for holding Treaties with the Indians residing within this State. They agree to your Proposals and desire you will bring a National Representation of the Cayuga Indians to this Place as soon as may be practicable. It is the wish of the Board that the Representation may be as numerous as can be procured, and they will recommend to the Legislature to make a suitable Compensation for your Services in this Business, besides their Engagement of defraying the Expences you may be put to in bringing the Indians to this Place. Inclosed is a Speech to the Cayuga Nation from the Commissioners, which you will be pleased to communicate to them. You will be pleased to provide a proper Belt to deliver with the Speech. You will perceive by the Speech that it is the wish of the Commissioners that the Indians should be here by the middle of the Month of January, as it is probable that after that Time a sufficient Number of Commissioners to form a Board may not be at this Place. If any Circumstance should intervene to prevent your accomplishing the Business committed to you at the Time before mentioned, you will give me the earliest Information which you will have an Opportunity of doing by the Return of your Son who is the Bearer of this Letter.

I am &c.

GEO: CLINTON.