

the interests of the Tribe, which, under the circumstances above mentioned, they leave to submit for His Lordship's consideration.

I have the honor to
(Signed) D. C. Napier
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The Civil Secretary
Montreal

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Indian Office
Montreal 28th March 1845.

Sir
Having received a Report from the Resident at St Regis of certain disorderly proceedings on the part of the American Indian Settlers, I deemed it advisable to visit that village, accompanied by Mr Superintendent Hughes, for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances represented by Mr Chesley, and of ascertaining whether there were any and what grounds for a request preferred by him, in the name of the British Chiefs, that steps might be taken to enforce the removal of the American portion of the Ojibwa Tribe from St Regis.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Lordship the Governor General, that the proposed enquiry took place on the 4th ultimo when three of the principal Chiefs of the American Tribe, and several of the complainants were in attendance.

I regret to state that for a number of years past, much animosity appears to have existed between the British and American Indians on the frontier, which in the present instance, has been increased very considerably by a transaction respecting some oak staves, which three of our Indians had prepared for sale on the New York Reserve, and had removed within the Canada line when they were attacked and violently assaulted by a party of the American Tribe, who seized and carried off the staves and afterwards sold them to a white Inhabitant in the neighborhood. Subsequently to this occurrence a Robbery was committed by an Indian in the house of one of the British Chiefs, and the offender escaped to the state of New York - in both cases the ends of justice were defeated by the American Indians as described in the following extract of Mr Chesley's statement vizt. -
"Upon a complaint being made by the three British Indians to their Chiefs and to myself, we immediately applied to the American Chiefs for an explanation and redress, who however told us very deliberately, that they had only done what they would under a similar provocation repeat - seeing no chance of reasoning the matter with them I did not hesitate to take out warrants for the apprehension of the three American Chiefs, with one of their chief accomplices."