

rights. You may sell your proportion according to your numbers, but we shall none of our land. But the commissioner did not go as he said, he staid two days after the council was closed, and his books were open all that time; and the Ogden company used all their influence to weaken our party by offering large sums of money to induce them to sign the treaty. On the third day in the afternoon, the commissioner left the reservation and went to Buffalo, and held a select council with those Indians who had signed the treaty.

"The Ogden company, knowing our agent had withheld our annuity from us, and that we intended to send a delegation to Washington, and supposing we should be necessitated to hire money to defray the expenses of our delegates, went forward to all those they thought would be likely to accommodate us, and by their influence prevented our getting any for that purpose.

"Brothers. Our hearts are pained, therefore we remember you, and aim to let you know our distress. Our necessity induces us to ask assistance of our friends. We have prevailed on James Robinson to go to Washington for us. He will stop and see you on his journey, in order to be advised by you who to apply to at Washington for assistance; and we think it is not likely we shall be able to raise money enough to defray his expenses while there, and would ask you to lend him as much as he may need. Our agent says we shall have our annuity in the 6th month; when we get that we will pay you, and will pay you what you think right for the use of it. We will hold ourselves accountable for whatever amount you may think proper to let James Robinson have for that purpose. We are determined to stay where we are and enjoy our old homes. We hold the same minds we were of, when our friends Enoch Lewis and Joseph El-kington visited us last fall. Brothers, we believe the love you have felt towards us emanated from the Great Spirit; and we beg the Great Spirit to preserve you and us, and protect us in our rights. There are sixteen chiefs on this reservation, two of whom have joined the emigration party. The Tonewanda Indians are all firmly opposed to selling their lands. At Buffalo reservation, there is a majority of the chiefs in favour of selling, but the warriors are mostly opposed to it. The same may be said of Cattaraugus reservation. There have ninety-two warriors of this reservation signed the remonstrance, and added the number of each family, making in all seven hundred souls, the chiefs having signed it at Buffalo."

Soon after the receipt of this letter, four Seneca Indians arrived at Philadelphia as a delegation from the Six Nations, authorised to proceed to Washington, for the purpose of remonstrating against the ratification of the treaty.

As it was obvious, from the documents in their possession, that the treaty had been extorted from the greater part of those who signed it, by fraudulent means, and that a large majority of the people were decidedly opposed to a cession, upon any terms, of their remaining lands, the committee believed it incumbent upon them, to address a remonstrance against its ratification, to the President and Congress of the United States, and to render the delegation such assistance, in stating their case to the government, and obtaining an impartial hearing, as might be in their power. In pursuance of these objects, four Friends were appointed to proceed to Washington, in company with the Indians; and they accordingly arrived there about the middle of the last month, and laid before the proper authorities the remonstrance of this committee, as well as one of similar import, prepared by our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, who on