

It is, therefore, highly important that we should not let this opportunity slip, but concur in the wise and benevolent plans of the Government for collecting us in larger settlements; and there affording our children good instruction, enabling them to become industrious farmers and mechanics. This is all I have to say."

After the usual response, there was a minute or two's conversation; and then

CHIEF CLAUS rose again; and CHIEF JOSEPH SAWYER, of the *Credit*, being called upon, rose also; when CHIEF CLAUS, addressing the latter, spoke a few minutes, on handing him the written address.

MR. HILL interpreted in English, and Mr. GODAR, above named in Chippeway. No notes were taken, the English interpretation not being audible, except to the Chippeway Interpreter, and those close by.

Captain ANDERSON then, at about 2 P. M., adjourned the Council until after dinner, having finished his business for the day.

After dinner, the Council reassembled. The Officers of the Government were not now present.

Captain ANDERSON'S Speech was read over to the Council by REV. PETER JONES. The sense of certain passages was discussed, and the whole explained anew by Mr. JONES, in the Chippeway language.

It being settled to the satisfaction of all, that it is not "Republican Independence" that is spoken of by the Visiting Superintendent, in the words, "a more healthy, and ere long an independent people"; and again, in the words, "an independent and happy people," (v. p. 6, *supra*),—the consideration of the first three propositions in the plans of the Government, was then entered upon.

Remarks were addressed to the Council by several Chiefs, who spoke briefly.

And first—

Chief *Shahrwundais*, (the Rev. JOHN SUNDAY,) spoke to this effect.

"My Brothers,—We have now had a long time to consider this subject; every Tribe has heard the proposition and question now laid before us.

Now you want to know who it was that answered this question, and agreed to this proposition.

It was I and my brother Chief of Rice Lake that answered this question, and agreed to this proposition last year.

This is all I say."

This avowal (to understand which turn back to the speech, page 6 *supra*), being received with the usual complimentary response, several Chiefs, and one of the principal men, addressed the Council in the following order, all very briefly, excepting the Rev. PETER JONES.

Chief JOSEPH SAWYER, of the *Credit*.

Chief JOHN AISAANS, of the R. Severn.

Chief KAHKEWAQUONABY, (Rev. PETER JONES) who at this time presided.

Chief GEORGE PAHDAUSH, of Rice Lake, spoke with warmth and nervous earnestness.

The Rev. PETER JONES here again spoke; commended what his brother PAHDAUSH had just said, and continued speaking some minutes.