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Maris Pierce

died in 1857

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One pair gloves	.44
Cravat	1.25
Linen Hdkfs	.75
1 pr Socks	.19
Subscribed N.Y. Spect. & Observer	2.00
2 pr cotton socks	.68
1 Pocket Hdkfs White silk	.75
Removed Jacob Harvey monday March 23	15.00
One Evening Journal & daily advts	.10
Weekly Herald	.06
2 dishes	.75
2 1/2 yds calico 3/ p yd	.78
2 pair cotton socks	.50
2 collars	.38
Fare to New York Saturday 25. R.R. 25.	.50
Sweeny's Hotel — Lodgings	1.00
Coming back — fare. sup. Berth	1.00
Meals &c. in New York	1.25
returned here all away April 9	
1 Handkerchief silk white	1.00
1 bosom — 4/6	.56

Shell
Washington D.C.

1845 —	a trip to Troy to see Mr Starbuck	.38
May 8th	Board at Franklin House 46 days	40.00
	5½ Doz washing 4/-	2.75
	Total amount —	$42.75
1845	Israel Jemison — Cattle &c	1.75
August	Paid note I. Harvey	$15 43
22d	two notes $50. ~~$50.~~ $2.75 =	102 75
	—	~~101 49~~
		~~202 82~~
23d	Paid osborn	$51 .75

Memmior an dum Book —

We left Buffalo February 25th —

Fare to Albany 2 mats	$24.
Lodgings in Buffalo —	.50
Israel Jemison's expenses from Cattaraugus to Buffalo —	
Horse Keeping &c &c —	1.56
Refreshment 1st day —	.38
Refreshment 2d day —	.44
Syracuse House — —	2.00
Amsterdam Self — —	.12
Blank Book —	38
arrived at Albany Feb. 26 at 5 P.M.	
Boarded at Franklin ~~House~~ House 8¾ days	17.50
refreshment between Boston Albany	.63
Rail Road Fare — —	12.00
One case for the Nation	.19
Ink Stands — —	.50
letter paper one quire —	.12
Steel pen	.75
One publication	.50
	—
	$

Dear Mr Ox

	Half a doz. ea Silver T. spoons	6. 00
	Bromfield House	6. 00
	Returning from B. to A	12. 00
	Refreshments	60
March 10th	Franklin House, Simmons expenses	1. 00
March 8 day	do do Pierce do	5. 50
March 15th	Fare to New York & Berth	2. 00
	Shoe blacking & valise &c	.38
	New York at Lovegoy's	2. 00
	New York to Philadelphia & meals	3. 50
	Philad^a to Baltimore 4 ps. Sod & Mls.	5. 00
	Balt^re to Washington	2. 50
	Expenses to Alexandria 13. Sodg 50 + Disp	1. 13
	Incidental expenses.	4. 50
	Spoons. 6 tea. 2 table 1 pap. $6 $7.50	13. 50
	Returning. W. to B 2.50 B. to Phil 1.50 Meals .50	4. 50
	Philadelphia Sodg & meals	1. 00
	Phil to N.Y. 2 Meals	3. 50
	N.Y. Lovegoy's & Center St recess	3. 00
	Boat. Collars. Polk $.75	1. 38
	Fare to Albany &c	2. 50
25 March	returned to Albany March 25=	

A meeting was held at the Congress Hall on the 4th March, present Israel Jemison and M.B. Pierce on behalf of the Seneca Nation and Philip E. Thomas, Benjamin Ferris, John Jackson, Joseph Warner, Abram Bell, Amos Willetts, George Trimble, Wright Nathaniel Starbuck Gifford M. Cooper both Committees then waited on the Hon J. C. Spencer and employed him to examine the bill we had and make such alterations as he may deem best for the better security of Indian lands and for Municipal regulations among the Senecas, He made several suggestions upon the spot and all of us joined in the conversation, Mr Spencer appointed the next day at 11. o'clock for another meeting when he would be ready to give suggestions to a sufficient extent.

Met pursuant to agreement, Mr S. produced a bill that he had prepared and read by sections to sections and

explained. He was afraid to encumber the sections respecting the Bribery and other provisions contemplated in the original Bill drawn by Judge Hall

March 5. We approve the Bill and presented to the Committee on Ind. Affrs of the Assembly, who met us at the rooms of the Delegates of the Society of Friends at Congress Hall.

After great deal of conversation we delivered into their hands as written by Mr Spencer.

On the next day the Quaker Delegates left us Mr Cooper still remaining, we met again the Assembly's Committee on Ind. Affrs, who promise to report to the House the

March 6. next day with certain amendments to our original draft.

March 7. We left for Boston and arrived there the same evening and took lodgings at Brownfield House.

March 8. We had early in the morning an interview with Mr Samuel Hoar and made an appointment to be introduced to his Excellency Gov Briggs.

At 10½ o'clock we proceeded to the State House in company with Rev Mr Green, Dr Anderson, Mr Treat Esqr, having arrived at the Capitol, we were seated in the Ante Chamber for 10. 15 minutes when Hon. Mr Hoar came out and met us, He informed us that the Governor was in the Chamber and would be glad to see us, he would go in & see when he would meet us, immediately returned and said that His Excellency was prepared to see us,

We went in following Mr Hoar Mr Cooper, Rice & Denison and the 3 Gentlemen above named the Govr & Council arose as we entered and bowed, we returned the compliment with the same manifestation. Mr Cooper then

explains in few words the object of
our visit. after which Mr Jemison
made a speech of 10 minutes to the Gov.
and was interpreted by Mr. Pinn
delivered the document in person.
after which the Gov answered to the
delegation, expressing a friendly feeling
towards the Nation of Indians by whom
we were and said in substance
that. He was happy to meet the delegation
The paper which has been presented, he shall
receive it and file in the records of the
Commonwealth and he now receives
as the Governor of the State and shall
be kept as a perpetual remembrance
by its Governor and Council and that
if occasion should require for the sale
or disposition of their lands at any future
day the treaty or convention shall not
be considered valid unless done by
or under the provision of this declaration
the State shall always put solicitors for

prosperity of the Seneca Nation. He only
regretted that it had not been done
before or we might have saved great
deal of trouble and would have avoided
all the inconveniences which now so
much annoy the Senecas:
After the speeches were made the Governor step
forward and took our hands and converse
with us and the Gentlemen present
Mr Palfrey L.S. & Sec. of State was introduced
to us, He asked us if we belong to the party
who have written him on the subject of
the treaty we answered in the negative
We retired to the antechamber the Gentlemen
subscribed witnesses of the above transaction
Mr Green Jr Anderson, Mr Cooper and
Mr Treat Esqr.

March 10. The next monday morning we
left Boston for Albany. on sunday previous
Jemison & myself attended the Bowdoin St
Church and the afternoon I went to Central
Church Revd Mr Rodgers and was

to a seat by Deacon Noyes.

March 14 The Indian bill was taken from the files and referred to a special committee, who are to report complete. then was one man objected, Mr Russell of Saratoga Mr Niven of orange advocated and Mr Wo —

March 31 April 1. The act entitled an act for the protection & improvement of the Seneca Indians &c passed the Assembly this afternoon without a dissenting voice.

It was reported to the Senate and referred to the Committee on Indian affairs

The Com. Mr Hard Chairman Mr Folsom & Mr Chamberlain reported to the Committee of the whole. Mr Chamberlain disagreed to report, agreeing the bill from the Assembly and he desired to be referred to the Judiciary Committee to investigate the legal bearings of the bill. Mr Hard moved it be referred to the Com. of the whole and it was carried.

Saturday April 5. Mr Hard moved to take up the bill of the Com of the Whole and carried having read one section Mr C. moved the Committee rise and report progress. carried. Mr Hard then moved that it be made a special order for friday next at 11. o. clock a. m. carried.

Special order of the day.

April The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill for the improvement of the Seneca Indians. Mr Denniston in the Chair Mr Faulkner moved the reading of the remonstrance, Mr Bockee then made a few remarks in opposition to the 3d. section, he read also the few articles of the contract between this State & Massachusetts, he said that this section interferes with the rights of the preemption company, and this State has nothing to do with it, the Indians can make laws

among themselves but the state have no right to say anything. Mr Folsom then read by request of Mr Hand a letter from J. C. Spencer, expressing his views on this subject, Mr Hand Chairman of Comtee on Ind affairs then made an explanation and said the state can confirm this new ordinance without effecting the rights of the Ogden Company. and further advocated the bill. Mr Johnson then arose and said that he does not see that this state can effect anything as it is evidently beyond their power. he assumed Mr Spencers letter that if the state cannot ~~violate~~ abrogate the U.S. Laws of this contract this section will do no good any way for this legislature to pass it. Mr Hand contended that this state has the superintendent power over the native Indians of the state and went on and read a few extracts of Mr Rhodes report of the Council of 1842.

and conveyed the idea that it was necessary for this legislature to confirm the Treaties between the Indians & the Ogden Company for the Sale and disposition of their lands. often a few more remarks from Mr C Chamberlain Mr Brockett and others — without going through with it, the Com, rose and reported progress and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

April Saturday —

again I went to see Mr Spencer and ask his advise on this subject, He thought the 8 section was very important indeed and should be retained even at the loss of the 3d which is as good. he suggested me to insist upon the adoption of both and need be ~~to~~ compromised then let the 3 Sec go & retain the 8 Sec. previous to my call on Spencer I had a conference with Mr Hand - he thought perhaps

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that if I consent to let the 3d & 8th section go the bill would be disposed of immediatly I gave him my views ~~on the views~~ on the subject and informed him the ~~expressed~~ desire of Genl Clark to speak on the subject, who was then absent till monday, concluded to wait untill monday and he will report in favour of the bill as it is by the help of Genl, C, we may be able to carry it through, he wish me to write the reasons in favour of retaining the 3d & 8th Section to be embodied in his report, the Committe will meet on Monday Evening next.

I understand these objections have been marked out by Mr Tillotson one of proprietors of the Ogdenland Company who have been in this city for that purpose. Young Wadding tow is also in this city.

may 7- The bill passed both Houses and signed by the Governor on the 8th day of the same month and I obtained a certified copy on the 8th and went home the same evening at 8 o.clock P. M. and reached home on the morning of the 10th.

Cattaraugas Reservation,

Feb. 22d received appointment by the Anti chiefs to proceed to Albany & Washington City to present their memorial to the Legislature of this State &c. Joseph Silverheels on their part was delegated to go ~~on~~ the Head man of the business. and I as an Interpreter under pay - we expect to have this morning for Buffalo with David White. Feb. 23d (Tuesday) Council met at the new House on the upper part of this Village The Law party met at the old council House. I told them my intention of going for the antis, there was no

2100
1450
6,50

1847 objections manifested on any of them.

Memorandum of Expenses, &c.

Feb. 21 —

23d. The Chiefs paid me fifty Dollars towards my expenses and $ for outfit. —

		yes	noes
	Wm Krouse		
1	Seneca White		1
1	Dank Two Guns	1	
1	Job Pierce	1	
	John Luckett 1	1	
	Sam Milson 1		1
1	Isaac Jonny John		1
1	Saul Logan	1	
1	James Spring	1	
1	David White	1	
1	John Bennett		1
	John Green Blanket 1		1
	Geo Green Blanket 1	1	
1	Jacob Bennett		
	Peter Johnson 1		1
1	John Banks		1
1	Henry Two Guns		1
1	Jonah Armstrong		1
1	~~Maris B. Pierce~~	1	
1	John Seneca		1
1	John General		1
~~1~~	~~Jacob Bennett~~		1
1	Jno Kennedy Jr		1
1	John Tall Chief	1	
1	Jabez Stevenson	1	
	~~$5.~~	9	13

$17. Buffaloes $4.544

$6.95 a piece & a fraction over.

Papalatines 653. Baffalonians 557. Cattaraugus

$6.50 —

Austria Cole	6	50
Paid Green Blanket Geo,	5	50
Jim Smith Sdow	3	00

Paid in

✓ Samuel Mann	6	00
✓ Jabez King	19	
✓ Johnson Halftown wife	3	
✓ Thomas Beaver	6	
✓ David White	4	
✓ Nancy White	6	
✓ Mrs Jonas Halftown	2	50
✓ Little George	4	
✓ Jonah Armstrong	14	
✓ Isaac Thomas	8	
✓ John Seneca	6	
✓ John Tall Chief	6	
✓ Fillmon Jackson	8	
✓ John Williams	10	
✓ Joe Young's wife	3	
✓ James Smith	3	
✓ William Cayuga	4	
✓ Job Pierce	20	
✓ David Bolton	3	
✓ John Joe	2	50
✓ Job Rice & Co	5	
	143	00

	143		
Jim Jones	2	00	
Jim Jones	3		
Benjamin Jones	1	38	
Mrs Geo Washington	14		
Mrs Paul Logan	4		
Moses Yellow Blanket	4		
John Bark	3		
Martha Bennett	3		
Dally Plumm	5		
Major Harris	4		
Andrew Fox	8		
Wm Plumm	4		
A. Plumm	4		
John Stevens	21		
Samuel Beard	10		
Foster Turkey's wife	3		
Little Joe	6	50	
"	5	00	
"	3	00	
"	6	50	
Little Joe	10		
	264	38	

	264	38	
Joe			
~~Jake~~ Hemlock	8		
Job Pierce	1		
Orlando Tall John	4		
John Hemlock	10		
Young General	7	50	
Gaiwase	5		
James Spruce	3		
John Deer's wife	20		
David Stevens	3		
Saml Wilson	12		
John Luke	5		
David Williams	10		
James Spring	7		
Geo Jemison	12		
Asa Sundown	3		
	377	88	
$382.50 D. Claus 1.50			
Gilbert do 3.00			
John Doe 1.00	10	50	
	387	38	
	382	50	
	4	88	

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James Eells	6	
Jones Snow	17	
Isaac warrior wife	3	
John Canada	7	
Jonny Chief	10	
Go ga noh	2	
Geo Jacobs	24	
Abram Half white Halftown	15	
Jemmy Corn planter	8	
Watson Pierce	11	
Taylor Halftown	11	
Mary Halftown	3	
Geo Halftown & wife	6	
Sarah Halftown Davis	10	
Sarah Hutchinson	4	
William Reuben	3	
Jonathan Johnson	5	
Morris Halftown	22	50
Joseph Silversheels	33	
Isaac Warrior	2	
James Strongs Child	3	
	206	50

	205	50
David Snow	9	50
Adam Blue Sky	3	
Emma Halftown	9	
Abram John	4	
Mrs Geo, Bennett (widow)	4	
Julia John	6	
Richard John	3	
James John	3	
James Warrior	6	
James Warriors	2	
James Warrior wife	7	
James Red Eye	5	
James Gels	12	
Hannah Snow	5	
John Cornfield	12	
Foster Turkey	3	
Eliza Green	2	
John Green 2	3	
~~John Green~~	~~3~~	
Isaac Warrior wife	3	
William Blue Sky	3	
	306	00

	306	
John Blue Sky	3	
Polly Bennett	6	
Joseph White for Coffin	3	
James Shongo	2	50
Jackett Warrior	10	
Gilman McCarty	4	50
Asa Dickey	3	
Jno Foley	3	
Widow of John Snow	9	
Chas Snow	3	
John Porcupine	3	
James Brooks	15	
George White	12	
Mrs William Jackson	6	
Jno Young Snows mother	10	
Abby Snow or Big John	3	
Polly Shanks	6	
John Halftown	3	
Geo Silverheels	3	
Isaac Turkeys wife	12	
~~Joseph White~~		
Joseph Hall[illegible] white	3	
	419	00

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John Thompson 6.
Abram Jackson 9.
Abram Halftown 4

Wm Johnson wife
Mosses Yellow Blanket 4 00
Charles Cusper's wife 3 00
Geo. Deer 1 20
William Jacobs 4 00
John Titus 6 00
John Lonas.
Ga a dih sas. 9 00
Ga a jih 3 00
John Deer 1 00
Nancy Twolsinds 6 00
Moses Turkey 2 00
John Brayno 5 00
Mons Yellow Blanket 4 00
Elisa Thompson 15 00
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Cash rct. Jon. Johnson 2 00

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Lewis Seneca	$ 1.	
M.B. Pierce	1.	
John Seneca		.50

Notice given to the following names

- William Kinnee
- Adolphus Blinkey
- Joshua Pierce
- Henry Silverheels
- Stephen Silverheels
- Wallace King
- William Johnson
- N. J. Strong
- Daniel Two Guns
- John Yellowblanket
- Jacob Bennett
- John Pierce
- Chauncy Jemison
- Israel Jemison
- John Kennedy jr.
- Gardner York
- Myron Gordon
- Andrew John
- Charles Kennedy
- John Kennedy Sen.
- George Jemison
- Lewis Seneca

Oct 25th 1856

Oct 27-56

Robert Gordon
Peter Johnson
William Jemison
David Williams
John Longfinger
Samul Gordon
John Seneca
John Jemison
Genet Smith
James Spring
William Blacksnake
William Jones
John Jacket
Hamit Jones
Abram Johns
Jonah Armstrong
Jacob J. Seneca
Robert Jemison
John Jacobs
Isaac Warrior
Foster Tanky
Young Chief

Jacob Dolson
Thomas Jemison
Seneca White
Richard White
Jacob Johnson
Job. Pierce
Jabez Stevenson
George Seneca
Ira Pierce
Jabez King
Gilbert Button
Cornelius Halftown
Mrs Stevenson
George Green Blanket
William Doctator
George Jemison
Jabez Pierce
Hiram Dennis
John Hutcheson
Titus Warrior
David Tanky Jemison
Charles Tall Chief

Allen Jemison
Sylvester Co. Boy
Moses Kenjockety
Jacket Warrior
John Spencer
David Snow
David White
Jabez Jones
Abba Snow
Jacob Pierce
Saul Logan
Jack Logan
Morris Halftown
George Tall Chief
George Button
Widow Destroy Snow
Isaac Pierce
Thomas Grey Beard
John Baldwin
John Green Blanket
Bill Logan
Geo. Washington

✓ William Tall Chief	Benjamin Jonny John
✓ Jesse Tall Chief	Major Harris
✓ Isaac Jonny John	Robert Silverheels
Joseph Snow	Mrs Jim Brooks
✓ Joseph Isaacs	Smith Wheelbarrow
✓ Widow Young	George Warrior
✓ George Logan	John Wilson
Elijah Jemison	Blue Sky
Lucia Green	Asa Tall Chief
George Fox.	✓ Adam Pierce
✓ Peter White	Thomas Crow
Mary Jacobs	Samuel Jemison
George Dennis	John Hutchison
William Scott	Charles Cooper
Elijah Cayuga -	Crawford O'Bale
Samuel Wilson	John Cooke.
Andrew Fox	Truman Halftown
Paul Peter	Foren Huntown
Solomon O'Bale	Levi Halftown
George White	George Deer
Young Little Joe	John Hudson
George Lindsey	Andrew Snow

Councillors of Cattaraugus & Allegany Res^s

Joseph Dudley
George Rencocketty
Joshua Tuttle
Peter Snow
Seneca White
Samuel Gordon
Capt. John Bennett
Zachariah L. Jemison
Samuel M. Patterson
Charles Halftown
John Snyder

31 st Oct.

Oct 27 John Luke President Seneca Nation
" 28 James Green Blanket, Clerk. do.

Reuben Wheelbarrow James Scott
Little Joe John Bennett 2d
Cephas Two Guns Fillmore Jackson
George Two guns Goodrich Green Blanket
Noah Two guns Jares Pierce
Alexander Tall Chief Samuel Brooks
Jesse Bullis Henry Wood
Little Isaac Jemison John Patterson
Jake Quave Mr. Cast Steel
Mrs Jake Johnson Edward Johnson
Joel Sundown Joseph Armstrong
Parson Sundown Abram Halftown
John General Moses Crow
John Hemlock Thomas Jones
John Jonas Jesse Jemison
Nicholas Snow Humphrey Longfingers
Gilman Clarke Moses Cornplanter
Lewis Bennett Old Dick
George Deer Jr. William Gordon
Allen Mohawk William Seneca
Moses Yellowblanket Seth Jacobs
Caleb Davis Henry Jacobs, Job King, Noah King

William Bennett & John Snow

Allegany Reservation. names &c.

John Jacobs Esqr. Geo. Blacksnake
Nickolas Krouse Chauncy Lee
Mrs Elijah Bone David Halftown
Perry Pierce James Sunfish
Abel Pierce Moses Snow
Joseph W. Pierce John Ray
Benjamin Pierce Peter J. Krouse
Simeon Pierce Benjamin Williams
King Pierce Harison Halftown
Sky Pierce Joseph Blacksnake
James Pierce George Billy
Jesse Jackson William Red Eye
James Bucktooth John Halftown
George Krouse Silas Krouse
William Bone Sally Jacobs
Owen Blacksnake George Jacobs
Freeman Thompson William Patterson
Isaac Snow Joseph Halfwhite
Jackson Canny Bennett Gordon
William Canny John Logan
John Canny Ezekiel Shongo
James Watt, Elliot John

John Lamson
William Jemison
John Jemison
Joseph P. Turky
Easly Red Eye
Joseph Gordon
Bela Jones
Betsy Gordon
William Plummer
Joseph Jemison
William L. John
Edward King
Jacob John
James Long John
Simeon John
Capt. Isaacs
Jane Taylor
John Thomas
Lucy Taylor
Samuel Jones
Peter John
Edward Purse

Daniel Shongo
Peter Jemison
Jesse Plummer
Dodge Fatty
John King
Benjamin Hudson
James Jandy
Jesse Ta Jemison
Peter Dundown
Ephraim T. Jemison
Amos Shongo
Jacob Jemison
David B. Jemison
Guy Jemison
Jacob T. Jemison
Samuel Bucktooth
Eli Jemison
Benjamin Lewis
John Lewis
John Titus
Mrs David Snow
John Red Eye

Charles Thomas
George Thomas
Charles Red Eye
Thomas Scoggs
Lyman Shongo
Jackson Titus
Isaac Halftown
George Titus
Johnson Jemison
Polly Jemison
John Fatty
Josiah Harris
James Red Eye
Mrs Geo Gordon
Jesse Killbuck
James Halftown
Esther Krouse
Isaac John
Holiday Jackson
Henry Gordon
James Crow.
William Green

John L. Doxtator
Rufus Jones
Amos Johnson
Dr. James Shongo
John Harris
William Spencer

1846 Council met according to appointment
Nov. 24 Mr Angel offered to pay to the Seneca Nation
the permanent annuity of 6,000 $
and the new annuity of 1842
$5. deducting both of the above sums
the share of 62 persons who have emigrated
west of Mississippi
The receipts of the above was signed by Henry
Twoguns, Chairman. John Kennedy Jr. Clerk
John Kennedy Jr. Treasurer, and the money
was at Mr Wights, report in circulation
that the Anti land party have determine
to take them by force.
Mr Angel left the Council for home to
attend Supervisors meeting of the County
of Cattaraugus & agreed to return on
Monday next and adjourned to till
then.
Mr Angel paid the Alleganys their share
of the $6,000 and the new annuity the
Tonawandas receive their share
also of the $6,000 the new annuity

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they refuse to take, for they consider the Treaty of 1842 as regards to Tonawanda still pending and undetermined;

Mr Osborn the old Agent was sent for on

Tuesday Saturday. by John Blacksmith as messenger

Dec. 1. Council re-opened at Bliss' meeting House Mr Angel, Mr Osborn, were both present Mr Osborne offered to pay the Greys & Gibson annuity of $2,583 and the State annuity of $500, for the Chiefs. on Tuesday evening Mr O. paid the $500, to John Seneca & Jacob Bennett, as Com. it was divided in this manner. viz:-

Expenses for the drafts	—	$ 1.	25
2 Buffalo Chiefs		203.	75
" Tonawanda	"	99.	
" Cattaraugus	"	98.	
" Allegany	"	98.	
		$500.	00

The Buffalo Chiefs divided their money in this manner —. viz.

Jacob Bennett	$15.	William Kennedy	$15.
Jno. Seneca	8.	James Spring	14.
	23		29

M. B. Pierce	$12.	Jno Jall chief	$4.
Jno Hudson	8.	Geo Lindsey	2.
Geo Keyoketty	6.	Joe Hemlock	3.
Jno Banks	4.	David White	2.
Jim Jonas	3.	Tommy Jimmy	1.
Job Pierce	6.	David Jall chief	1.
Sky Carrier	5.	Jno Mitten	3.
Geo Jemmy Banks	4.	Jno Greenblanket	8.
Peter Johnston	3.	Jack Jonny John	3.
Isaac Jonny John	2.	Abram Jonny John	1.
John Bennett	3.	Saml Logan	6.
Jonah Armstrong	2.	Jack Doctator	1.
Jno Baldwin	2.	Sam Wilson	3.
Jno General	3.	Jno Jemison	1
Jabez Kirby	1.		

New Chiefs &c.

Joshua Turkey	2.	Jno. Longfinger	2.
John Jacket	2.	Geo Washington	2.
John Locke	2.	John Hemlock	2
Little Joe	2.	Mark Charles	2
	72.		47
	47		
	29		
	23		
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The chiefs then determine to add to Mrs.

Krouse ——	2.		
Jno Seneca	1.	$1.71.	not over
Jacob Bennett	1.	8	
James Young	1.	179.	
M B Pierce	1.		
Jno Hudson	1		
To Jno Jacket (n.c.)	1.		
	8		

Afterwards at Mr Wrights' another meeting of the Buffalo Chiefs and divided the remainder of the money in this Manner Kenjockety petitioned and Geo Lindsey united with him to ask for more.

Geo. Kenjockity — $	2.50	M.B. Pierce	1.50
Geo Lindsey	2.50	and $.1 p[er] for services rendered in going to
Jacob Bennett	1.50	Geo Washington	1.25
Jno Seneca	1.50	Jno Jacket	1.00
Job Pierce	3.50		2.25
			2.50
Paul Logan	3.50		22.00
Jno Hudson	1.50		26.75
			1.79.
James Young	1.50		205.75
	22.00		

Israel Jemison related his proceedings at Albany as Delegates - March 1851.

First - The Tonawandas said that the purchasers of Indian lands petitioned the Legislature for a law to protect them to reside on Indian lands - The Indians obtained and presented a bill to test the tittle of Indian lands:

Our next business was to see the Governor I said to him. that the Chiefs wish to refer the question of old & new Government to the Indians themselves. Governor answered that he wish the Indians to have their own way:

We visited. Mr. Williams he was very short & said he could not confer with them. ask Jemison if he signed the Treaty. and NO. You the Quakers have sold us - He was much excited and refuse to talk with Him.

We next met the Committee. I spoke very long. I said all I could I mentioned the increase of Intemperance. President Mc Lane bought him a

horse. They sent agent to visit Oil Spring: he is now at Allegany, drinking whiskey & never discussed the change of old Government: Proposed to put the question to the Indians let them decide for themselves;
My argument agt. the new Govert - that it did not protect us. large piles of Bark are sold, great quantity of timber, I was fearful that they will strip the timber from off the Reservation, so that we shall have none.
Quakers - Know them well; nearly 40 years;
School did not flourish, none at Allegany: I advised to have a farm attach to school. was established on the Cat. The Teacher went home & surrendered the farm to the Pres[t] so called & not a word said to us - Old Settlers
The Compromise. the Quakers used their influence and we lost two Reservations - the Quakers deceived us.
it was a minority of chiefs who assented the Treaty.
I call[d] again on Mr. Williams by request, He advised us to Compromise - we call[d] again, he was very cross. did not do any thing - he was excited much.
When Little Joe was coming home, I called at the Depot. Mr. Gregory was going home with a sick member
3 members for the new Govert 1. the Chiefs 1. to defend again

to the Indians - 8 days absent when he will return, he will report to the Assembly for their action: Little Joe made an affidavit in addition to his statements to the Committee.
Dr. Wilson made a great speech for the new government abusing the Chiefs & Little Joe. he wants to be in Pumpkin House all the time, meaning office:
Onondagas succeeded, defeated the project of David Hill to divide their lands. Peter Wilson informed the Committee that a majority of the Onondagas are opposed to divisions:
William Jemison intervened explained his difficulty with Cayuga Wilson &c. Come down on the Dr., & Tom Crow & John Crow with power:
Dr. Wilson wrote letter to the Agent most requesting him to purchase Mexican Saddle. Ofnos. Buffalo Robes - Buffalo dry meat & tongue with the money He. (William) had - he refused.

Stephen Silverhals, (new Government man) arose & spoke, reported their proceedings, &c, Mr. Gregory told us that the law cannot be altered as it was enacted last winter. ask Whitlock

the Chiefs interposed the action of the Government I answered they do - they hate those who are in favour of the Government: We came down & met the Chiefs in the Hall Israel & Co. called on Mr Gilbert (a member) together: Mr. Strong explained the object of the visit to Mr G. Israel made a long speech before him. He wish'd to ask the Warriors some question. I declined. until the Committee meets then I will speak my (our) mind: Mr. Gregory said that he will give them a fair chance. will wait 2 weeks: even: in the Com^tee Israel spoke as he reported this day. we did not say any thing - ~~They did not~~ Strong will stop

Settle Joe's affidavit - Paper statement. who are educated & can read; Seneca White's letter = 20 other papers ——. a whole week spent without meeting of the Com. they tried to compromise if we consent: to divide territory & jurisdiction. if we would, time will be nothing more done here. We did not consent it - then the Com. met & gave us time to speak. Israel & his friends spoke & we did not.

Moses Stevenson commence to report. The Petition was presented by Mr. O. Allen & been busy ever since, Mr Bradly was besieged by O. Allen told him he knew the Indians & must assist the Chiefs. Bradly says he can't, he must learn the matter entirely before he give his influence: Mr William said that he propose compromise; he says that he could see nothing objectionable in the new government - the law of 1847 was not different then the present: We called on twice on Williams, he tried to compromise but the other meeting he (Williams) said he has abandoned the project of Compromise Israel Jennison abused us so. he dont like our views - Mr. Williams related to the Delegation the proceedings with the Quakas & the Ogden Co. with the Secretary of War: dont have any Chief longer, you are safe, Keep out the Chiefs. the assembly men may pass a law ~~but we~~ for they are young men & not

experience in Legislation, but when it comes, we will kill it in the Senate we are the same Senators that decided it last winter. there when it comes, it will die. many members will come to us & related to us their good wishes - they advise us good many good things for our - Israel Jemison wants to go back to ancient times - he wants their money. he may want to draw all the annuities and put into their pockets, look out for them, 2nd Com. proposes to introduce resolution to Compromise; 3. against any alteration -

Stephen Silverheels again spoke he said that he denied the charges - in selling timber, &c. it was resolved by the Council to do so. one man proposed, we declined - Mr. Williams said they ought to Compromise at Home but the Chiefs wants power only, they approve the law of 1847 = Mr Spencer drew it & was adopted by the Chiefs now why do they want to annul it. I can see no reason why they want it.

I answered Little Joe's affidavit. I told them that I obtained names at Alleghany, it was correct -

Morris Halftown made an affidavit that a Councillor was intoxicated in Council I did not deny, with regard to Intemperance I did not deny - I told the Committee that Strong drinks by 3 weeks to time so another Remedy Rics breath smells all summer of whiskey. he got names to his paper by giving them liquor. thus the census was completed.

Assessor; a Chief was appt & accepted but afterwards declined to act, thus frustrated the object of the law - on that subject. this is all - again I repeat that Jemison said that the people at home have compromised

Thomas

Moses said that ~~they~~ proposed Compromised
we rec'd letter from Pierce - who stated
that Thomas wrote to the Agent advising
the Parties to Compromise - After an
explanation by Jemison, Moses & Stephen
the matter was sited and ———

Mr - Israel Jemison repeated & said that
Peter Jemison spoke first. My father
left me & married another & raised
another family - he dont want law -
Stephen Silverhals said that every good
thing prospered - but do they prosper?
ask look at Roads - schools & Interpreters
Sundry conversation when the
Council adjourned ——

G.W. Miller due agt the nation for		
sawing boards &c ——	147.	72
Paid by D. Twogunn	81	21
yet due - Feb 8th 1859 ——	$60	51

W N. Farnham's due on Orders against the Seneca Nation up to this date $2,324 92

Inst - $ ~~146~~ 90 on all the orders given

$ 1,221.22 due Farnham last year (or 1861.)

Compromised with Mr Grimes for D. Richmond on behalf of R B. Smith for $300. agreed to by the Com. Sherman, Luke and Halfstorm. June 5th 1862

Moneys Collected by the Com A. John & J. Turkey of white people on Allegany Reservation

Green		6
Lee		6
Hiram Morrison	5+1	6.
Moore		6
Eastman		6
Connell		6
O Smith		6
E C. Topliff		6

Mrs. O'Rinne	$6	
Wells	6	
Brett	6	
Douden	6	
Arnold	6	
Kane	6	
Blakely	4	
Wheedon	4	50

Appropriated $25. for Jo Dudley for expenses of allotment &c the Nation having annulled it.

Paid Dr Wilson $1.50 for writing J. Jemison resolution in relation to allotted lands.

$100. for Small Pox cases at Alluwe Reservation.

and $100. for contingent expenses of the Nation to be expended by the President.

The Com on Accounts Wm Blacksnake and Myron Gordon reported that a certain number of accounts which they did not named the persons to whom they are due to the amount of about $50 or more and some further acc^ts were presented, which the Com. did not considered good, but after consultation & amendments they were adopted (4th counted) making in all near $100.

Resolution was passed offering to sell to the highest bidder all the improvements on the allotted lands which are not possessed by the Indian to whom it was set off to. The Prest. on the last day of the Council protested against as illegal & unauthorised by the

Laws of New York and by his request it was laid on the table until the next Council.

The Council ordered a suit to be entered against the Comptroller of this State to compell him to pay the $500. to this Nation as heretofore,

Elgak Cayuga	3 -	9.
Jack Jonny John	7	21.
Joseph Dudly	6	18.
Henry Moses	9	27.
Jacob Big Kettle	5	15.
Abram Jonny John	4	12.
Old Dicky Nehgah	3	9
Tall John	11	33
John General	4	12
John Sook	5	15
Joe Hemlock	4	12
Jack Kayedutz	3	9
Peter Snow	4	12.
Thos Snow	5	15
Young Fishhook	8	24
Old Jonny John	6	18
Thompson Cayuga	5	15
Little Joe's Wife	5	15
Jacob Quawi	1	3
Little Joe	6	18
Sam'l Beaver	6	18

Howa ya neh da nis	5.	15.
Sezoyah dijas tah	1	3.
Saho doh guah ah	5	15.
John Mason	5	15.
Sa a dowa neh	1	3.
Sa gao deh	1	3.
Hanek sa eyes	7	21.
ga wiyes ka	6	18.
Ga yen dak kaoh	6	18.
Sagoiwanaah	4	12.
Mark Charles Mdon	8	24
Wm Miller	10	30
Yunis Greenblatt	9	27.
Geo. Kengockety	11	33

deliver 0 - August 1845

Sitte Joe	6	18.
Goodrich Green Blanket	3	9.
Gayendetsoh	5	
Geo Jemison	7	21
Jacob Big Kettle	5	15
Elijah Jemison	5	15
Ga nis ka doh	8	24
Joe Dunloch's Son	6	18
Jake Logan	5	15
Hudson's niece	1	3
Gao ya ka da yeh	6	18
Ga neh gia de Jacks	1	3
Old Jonny John	6	18
Jonny Jack	3	15
Dr Jake	3	15
Deatick dehoh	3	15
Deo ā ase		
Nihyah	3	15
Ga nine hoh	3	15
Nis ka deh kah	4	12
Geo Tow	1	3

Ga yen dak hēt	1	3
Tommy Jemmy	1	3
Ga yen dohsah	2	6
Gowahs Gogwah	2	6
Peter Snow	4	12
Bill Metune	1	8
Jah niah	1	3
Ganen Yuhsch	8	9
Ganunnawis Yuh	5	15
Gen des hā	5	15
Donohsa heh	6	18
Gahno donk	11	33
Ha non da garnyus	6	18
Se gah niasos	5	15
Young Fishum	8	24
Ga het dahonk	8	24
Ha yen dyehs	7	21
Ichsondowaah	9	27
Sitte Joes. wife	5	15
Hodohgaah	2	6
Mark Charles wife Dow	8	24

Dahgahdohs	6	18
Eunice Green blanket	9	27
Sahdegaahes	11	33
Jimick Kick	9	27
Geo Lindsey	3	9
Sagohwanaahah	4	12
Daohsōnih	5	15
Isaac Jonny John	8	24
Ganihdeyat kuk	3	9
Little Johnson	1	3
Haahgonih	7	21
Ichgadegat	4	12
Ino Luke	5	15
Small Fishes	3	9
Gahgowahdah	5	15
Gahnes	4	12
Pahdewahs	2	6
Gayendakhaok	6	18
Jack Ino John	6	18
Dyo ya da se	3	9
Sehgwah	6	18

Ha wen doh	7	21
Iro wi yah goh	4	12
Ha yahsa jih	7	21
Sawennowaah	5	15
Jno Mason	5	15
Ga yahso doh	1	3
Ha ho do gwahih	5	15
Jas Stevenson	4	12
Jno Tall Chief	1	3
Beans (osaitdah)	3	9
Ga ois hek ih	5	15
Waah dyak	3	9
Hudson	11	33
Geo Jrew Blanket with	5	15
Hat ho wi neh	1	3
Ga we yes hāā	6	18
M B. Pierce	1	3
Isaby Stevenson	3	9
Jim Billy	5	15
Jno Mitten	10	30
Moses Stevenson	4	12

Jno Jrew Blanket	1	3
Jas gas doh	1	3
Chas Tall Chief not Paid	3	~~15~~ 9
Ga ih dyohs	5	15
Da ah daks Jno Seneca	5	15
Ja ga oh deh not Paid	5	15
J. S. Harris	1	3

Chiefs installed - September 26th 1850

Aged
38 Yrs — Henry Silverheels Sachem Ceremony =
Sagah jo waah - (Cattaraugus Reservation)

Dagah no dyēh.
31. Yrs — Samuel Patterson. (Allegany Reservation)

Deganahjus hēā
26 Yrs — William Jemison (Allegany)

Daguswāh-gaent
23 Yrs — Harrison Halftown (Allegany)

Ganewahdihoh
William O'Beal (Allegany)

Gahsigweodoh
56 — Jandy Jemison (Allegany)

Ganahjowaneh
Little Joe (Cattaraugus)

50	Sah de nêh George Deer.	(Cattaraugus)
	Ho oh sa weh dóoh John Barks	(Cattaraugus)
58	Gāo do wa neh Eli Jemison	(Allegany)
38	Ah o da héh oh Johnson Jemison	(Allegany)
22 Yr.	Ah on nes héh deh Joseph Jemison	(Allegany)
	Ga gāh gwāāh doh David White	Cattaraugus
45	Hao gān dyak. Isaac Warrior	Cattaraugus

AR. 25	Hah nāis hoh Isaac Jacobs	(Allegany)
22	Gahnaseeh Joseph Blacksnake	(Allegany)
40	Ho wā na nooh Isaac Jonny John	(Cattaraugus)
	Dayoh gāāhseh Adam Pierce	(Cattaraugus)
30	Owondo goh dāh Chauncy Lee	Allegany
30	Da ya go dēh seh Henry Snow	Cattaraugus
46	Gasgaodoh George Titus	Allegany

Wa noh sook deh

52 Isaac Jemison Allegany

Jadyā nà hah

28 Sylvester C Day Cattaraugus

Haoh nis heh dih

29 Cephas Twoguns Cattaraugus

Jit ho yo̱oh

Adolphus Blinkey Cattaraugus

Ga geh dah

George Tallchief Cattaraugus

Gayahsodoh

28 David Snow Cattaraugus

Sa dye na wahs

32. Joshua Turkey Cattaraugus

O̱ wa̱h da no goh

Simeon Pierce (Allegany)

Ha dua na yen neh

John Jacobs Cattaraugus

Nih dátgowa

40 George Jacobs (Allegany

Sonahjowaah

74 David Halftown (Allegany)

Sa̱jowaah

John Cornfield — Catt.

of Canada West

Spoke. that he was Baptized & Member of the Ch but was in favour of Indian Government.

He wishes to say to the Senecas & all that his great desire was that this Nation may prosper and succeed in this undertaking to retain their form of Government

He prays that the God of Heaven may help us, may help you and save you Be united in one mind. strive to Strengthen each others hand. I believe Onwanten Religion, Government is different from religion I will adhere to the old Ind. Government

Young Chief answered, Complimented the Onondaga Chief —

Wm Pierce. made a few remarks in favour of the Iroquois Government

Wm Sandford, exhorted the Chief to union to sustain the Old Government, he wishes union in effort to help the

I live at Tonawanda but was born here —

Israel Jemison put the question what shall we do — Who shall go to Canada West —

November 17th 1865

Joseph Elkinton, Thomas Wistar, Ebenezer Worth & Joseph Scattergood Quakers visited the N.Y. Indians this fall. had a meeting at New Town & at the Council House. Speeches were made: Worth & Wistar took to a with us:

December 21st 1856 -

Enumeration of Ind. Chil. Alleghy Res-	B.	G.
Channey Lee	1	
Nicholas Krouse	1	2
Jim Sunfish	3	
Ruth Bone	1	
Joseph M Pierce		2
Abel Pierce	3	2
Benj° Pierce	1	2
Widow Es. Krouse		1
John Harris		1
King Pierce	3	1
Levi Halftown	2	2
James Bucktooth	2	2
Jesse Jackson	2	1
Simon Armstrongs Widow	2	
George Krouse	3	1
James Pierce		2
William Bone	1	1
Nicholas Barnam		1
Isaac Snow	1	4
Jack Curry	1	3

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Taken by M D. Pierce March 3 4 5 6

	B.	G.
John Samson	3	
Widow Gordon	1	1
Dally Jacobs	1	1
Eli Jemison	2	3
John Lewis	1	1
John Snyder	3	1
Abram Curry	1	2
James Watt		1
Henry Gordon		1
John Curry	1	
Jim Crow	3	2
John Ray	1	
Joseph Gordon	2	
Moses Snow	2	1
Owen Blacksnake	2	1
William Plummer		2
Peter J. Krouse	2	
William Green		1
Harrison Halftown	3	
Joseph Blacksnake	1	
Isaac Jacobs		1

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	B	G
George Billy	2	
William Ridrye	1	3
William Patterson	1	2
George Jacobs	2	1
John Logan	1	1
Thomas Jacobs	2	1
Ezekiel Shongo	1	1
Sam M. Patterson		2
J. L. Jemison	1	4
Amos Shongo	2	1
Benj[a] Hudson		1
John King	4	1
Dodge Fatty	2	
Widow Tandy	3	
Big Isaac John		1
Nancy Fatty		1
James Tandy	3	3
Jacob Jemison	1	2
Bill Kevit	1	1
Jane Taylor	1	1
Peter Jemison	2	2

		B.	G.
	Daniel Shongo	1	1
	Peter Sundown	1	2
	Elliot John	1	
	Jane L. John	1	4
	Samuel Jones	3	1
	Rufus Jones	1	
	Peter John		1
	Simeon John	2	3
John	Thomas ~~Jacobs~~	2	
	Betsy King	1	
	Joseph Jemison	3	
	Williams Jemison	2	2
	John Jemison	1	4
	Capt. Isaac		1
	John Doxtator		2
	Jacob John	1	1
	Joseph B. Turkey		2
	Henry John	1	
	Mrs Little Isaac John	2	3
	Jesse Plummer	3	2
	Samuel Bucktooth	1	2

	B.	G.	
Jesse Kellbuck	1		
Charles Halftown	2	1	
Josiah Harris		1	
Benj^a Lewis	2	1	
Thomas Doxtator	1	1	
Sam^l Abrams	5	1	
Isaac Halftown	2	3	
Lyman Skenando	1	3	
Charles Red Eye	1	2	
Stephen Skenando	1	2	
George Thomas	2		1
Charles Thomas		1	
George Tetus	1	3	4
Johnson Jemison	2	2	
Amos Johnson	2	2	
George Red Eyes	1		
John Red Eye		1	
David Snow	4	1	
John Titus	1		

Job Pierce died April 6th 1857.

Sackett Warren ... August 25th 1864

Jane Jeffries & Julia Warren daus^t of Sackett ... died the same day at the Asylum: a. 12. & 7. ...

Jno. Hudson, Sackett's wife's Maggie Hall, died Monday 22^d. Isaac Pierce died ... Wm Scott little daught. Jno Jemison Adopted Child; Charles Cornfield, Albert Hutchen, Hesan Seneca, Stephen Silverheels, Isa Pierce was killed in battle near Petersburgh Va. July 16. 1864, Hesan Crow, died in the Army U.S. (of Asiatic Cholera).

Elgin Ackley of Brant died August 25. Sick 3 days.

Anna Buckloch, asylum, died August 24. Dysentary.

Thomas Jones daughter, aged 14 yrs.

August 21st

Carol Wilson daughter aged 31. Suddenly, Sunday night.

Lyrene Pierce Jemison.

Church Meeting Feb 8th 1859

Rev A. Gleason in the Chair.

By order of the Church Bro L. Seneca made his report in relation to his labor with B. York.

Report &c.

That He had called upon Gardner and told him his errand. that Bro B York has violated this church covenant and professions in the following to wit — That at a court at Brant in the case of York agt Gleason he swore falsely in saying that he had only 4 days to cut his grass before Mr G turn his cattle in. that he did not even open & never said any thing to Mr G. about it & never turn his oxen in. It was resolved to send for papers ~~at the trial~~ at Brant and to allow the parties to procure witnesses for their respective sides — it was carried — Motion was ~~made~~ that this trial be put off from Albany — until the Wright returns home it was lost. 13 to 22 Lost.

moved & Seconded that this trial take place tomorrow at 9 o.clock it was carried 22 — 13 —

adjourned — (consented to stay

Met. Feb 9th 1859. Mr Wright took the Chair as Moderator. after prayer the paper of charges was read &c — at the request of the parties

Then Mr Avery arose as Counsel for B. York — objected to — The question was put before the Church Shall we employ counsel or not. Mr Dennis moved & 2nd that we do not have Counsel on this case. Yes 27 — noes 17 — Carried

Bro L. Seneca, then repeated his charges against Mr York the substance as mentioned above

Bro John Dowdy his second brother Corroborated with Bro Seneca

C. Ackley testified that D. York swore that he bought the grass of Lewis Seneca for 3 ₰. that he had 4 days time to cut before Mr G. turn his cattle in, he did not own Oxen, never said any thing about turning them in to Mr G.

Dr Burton testified nearly the same as the above, did not have the proceedings written down, could not state only from recollection it was in 1856, Gardiner swore was the year.

Mr. Duran Huff. testified that Gardner own oxen & turn them in Mr G's lot to eat the Grass, said that he was satisfied he got back what he paid. it was dry weather at the time.

Mr. Mayhe testified, that York own oxen & they were in this lot. the grass was not cut. dried & was dry weather at the time Mr. Gleason cows were in too,

Lewis Seneca testified what Gardner spoke at Brant as Mr Ackley & Burton had

the charge vs York for false swearing and corroborated with them & clearly sustained

G. & York, declined to say any thing on the subject and would not do any thing at all would take no part. said you may do as you think best, go on with it. Mr Krause spoke great many times in favour of York, that the church was not fair with him because they would not consent to let Gardner employ counsel in his defence, that because he had no friends to help him, because he was not popular with the Senecas because there were some other blood coursing in his veins than Seneca. they trampled him down under their feet, it was apparent that the Church was determined to cut him off, he will therefore do no more for him and will withdraw it is a hopeless case with York. But I will declare this to the Church that

I will go with Mr York and will wander as no one will take us because we have no friends on Earth but we will not forsake our God who will take care of us. I will trouble you no longer. I will not be in the way of the Church.

Mr D. Swazens, said that he had heard Mr Y. confess & repented before this Church & forgave him then wholly he supposes that was sufficient for him, he has forgiven him and can see no reason to change his mind now. I heard him (York) say that he was sorry that he offended the Church and will do so no more herafter.

Isaby Stevenson will be in favour of 3 months suspension. I dont see that he was the agressor in this case he has been provoked to it and thus he fell.

Saul Sogan defended Mr York & blame the Ministers & the deacons in this action. propose to let him go.

Wallace King moved that he be cut off & was seconded.

William Johnston spoke in favor of cutting him off. it is evident the Bro was wrong & still insist in his course.

Israel Lemmon moved & seconded that G York be suspended three months the evidence in the case is clear the charges have been sustained by competent testimony. we have no other way but to deal with him legally.

Henry Silmshuls seconded this motion with few remarks.

Asylum Silmshuls said a few words also to the same point & purpose.

Jacob W. Pierce. threatened the division of the Church unless they compromise this and let G. York be discharged and drop the matter of discipline wholly.

and pass a resolution to dismiss
Mr Gleason the Pastor from the
this is the only medicine to
cure the bad state of feeling in
this Church, the Moderator Mr
Bright then stated the question to
the Church, either for the two motions
first to cut him off or to suspend
him 3 months.
The first question was put
Ayes 9.
To suspend him Ayes 13.
Noes 4.
The Church found him guilty by
22 votes to 4 on the contrary.
in all 26 votes.
so the matter was dropt and got
through & adjourned. at about
7 O. clock in the evening.
Feb 9th 1859

Attended meeting at New Town Sunday Nov 7th
about 40 come in & out during the meeting. Mrs W.
gave a Report of meeting of the Board at Chicago.

1874
May 28 Letters written to Hon Mr. R. E Fenton
and Mr. Wm A Buckingham. Sen.
in relation to Harris's Bill touching
the matter of Leases on the Allegany
Reservation, requestering them to stay
proceedings till they hear from us.
also a Letter to Mr. Jas. Satterfield on the
May 27, same subject.

Rec'd answer from Senator Buck
=ingham, that delay is action
on bill 3080 H.R, until they
hear from us. S. Natwin
Dated May 30-74
Rec. June 2nd 1874.

Lemm Johnson (Lemm)
Isaac Dill
Jobyas Buck
William Jacobs
Joseph Mature (Lagueza

Nov 29th 1862. Council met at New Town, Six Nations.

Delegates present Lewis Thomas, Reuben George from Onondaga. This Origin it was in the village of Salina near the Spring Hayawonthah live in a village.

It was in the state of anarchy, axe against axe. Mr. Hayawonthah considered the state of things. & concluded to establish a government, to have chiefs who should control the people & the affairs. they met near the spring & there saw Atotarho, but did not establish one. Hayawonthah laid down, three days, in a state of trance. his mind listened, he was singing to himself a Song - He arose and visited the red men and desiring to see some Indians who will adopt it. he went to Ganyudaoh. saw great many duck they flew & took the water of the Lake all up & said I wish people were as many, on the sand He took feathers cut & and said they will believe when they see this. He went to Nondoyaneh. He made a string of these feathers and said when they should repeat the sayings & Laws the strings on the stick as he finish a subject. they say him. his performs attracted attention & reported all around & the old man said, he is my Cousin, we meet not a Council & hear him. They send for him. but did not come. but said they should send him some thing to show that he was authorized agent. rushes cut & strung. with this he obeyed & met his cousin. After this Hayawa reported, but they did not succeed to adopt. then he went on further towards the East over the Hickory town on his way said it is not possible to establish law. until he came to the village of Jateoga Onondaga. they were trying to establish law. Hayawa joined them & help each other to establish. Jateoga was the first to consent this Law -

when they found its importance they concluded to notify the people & see if they would adopt it. They found the Big tree men was willing to adopt. now 2 Nations included. & send these to notify others. It has its force. sent two travel over the air. but never returned & again they sent more.

Tatioga, Niadahgo, Wa met Onondaga and adopted including three Nations. afterwards sent more messengers & found the Big Pipe people, met & laid the law before them, all joined made the law to suit them all & established this made the 4 Nations. & it was noised abroad of this new Government Atotarho then took hold & help Deganawidah then said I will lie down & bury myself. let it be known only in history. now 4 Nations united. this law for the Red Man. It is necessary to have a Long House. after this the Door Keeper joined (Senecas) it was now strong. After which is added the frame called the Kanahsdagegowa. after this they establish. Chiefs & Warriors & their duties assigned. giving each offices his duties in the discharge towards the people. to continue with the blood of the Red man. Now this is the law to be perpetuated by you. You the Officers must see that it is done all faithfully if you do not fulfill. it shall be the duty to appoint another in their places, but one who will carry out. If our Grand Children shall lose this law, then after this our people will see confusion & death. when the white eyes shall appear, danger is near.

Now where the laws was put. it was deposited at Onondaga. Wampum of this size. this shows where the Door is -

When the Government of America was establish Delegates sent to Washington, where the Presi, lives, the Indians laid down their Law before him, He understood all. when the Prest said I found that you have good laws and protect me, you watch me, I was happy in your protection. I grewed & become big. You are strong, & could send me to the Sea when I was small, He further said that your laws are good & I think the Great Spirit gave your wisdom to make such laws. we White people God gave us paper to write and we read. You must meet often & rehearse them so as to keep fresh in your minds - Let your law be strong & lasting like a River. damned up the River, it will overflow. the Chiefs then said we will bury into the Earth to the water flowing and carried off. thus all difficultins Doom to Oblivion, White people & Indians togeth bound this difficultins.

What is your Confederacy in what shape it is a long House. five in the Center, who is your Leader. Let me know, for I must have a voice in it. Tartotarho shall keep the Council fire. by the unanimous conclusion of the Confederacy. Tartaho shall have a carpet of White Bear Skin, it is there at Onondaga now. The Confederacy determined these things to be so - also you shall have a tree of Elk leaves it shall stand East & West and its roots & branches to the far west. if any thing should happen to destroy us. let our heads gather about the Big Roots of this tree, our Lands are laid near the Root of the tree. if any one shoud come & Kick the Leaves over, it shall not poison him Tartotaho shall have fan to sweep the floor & Keep clean, I shall have a stick, if any moving on among us, he may push it away but if the stick fail to remove the Creeching then he shall cry

aloud for help at once the Confederacy will be on the spot to remove the Oneidas. If any Nation should come and not Mention I cut the root so as to bleed, he shall return away he may find himself vomiting blood himself before he had gone far away. = Onondaga West Hill

Sagewaneyout. was the Name when we then met, He was made to understand what the laws were. The Prest. then was told that Tadodaho shall remain at the Capital. I will give you my pledge & shall have a String when you will drink & be merry. They describe the wampum so long, each Legislature representing nations holding their hands together, we shall remain thus, till are remain & die. The Prest. we have one head, heart & one hands.

The Prest. ask to be permitted his head to day with the Confency & It was granted. The Prest then said that He will appoint Interpreter. Jos Brant Mohawk U. S. Interpreter I will appoint him. my laws are repealable and yours are not. it will be the same, Onondaga shall be Capital of the 6 Nations. Albany for the State of N.Y. Washington for the U. S. these are the Capitols of their respective Government. it will here be enacted. among you & from thence to Albany thence to Washington and so versa versa.

Thus ended the first day.

Monday December 1st 1862 3d day.

Lewis Thomas the last Speaker. spoke complimentary to all & thanks to Great Spirit for his Kindness to our Braves. women & children.

We return thanks to the Sun & moon for their lights to us. Give notice also that the Canada Indians will resume the subject of last Saturdays meeting. Hear them:

Mr. Buck Commences this We Brethren and Children. When Our fathers established the Confederacy. The first Order was to give thanks to God first. which has been done this morning. We then now Commence, the regular men the Official of the 6 Nations has commenced and as far as he has gone we the Canadians now further add & finish. our finish the other Side of the fire, by appointment will proceed on our behalf. thus much I have been instructed to say. Simeon Johnson will be our Speaker. Then Gaohgaihdawih. arose. my older Brothers the Onondaga choose me to the Speaker on this occasion. the first warnd was 5 Nations

afterwards they found our Fus carora which made 6 Nations. Our fathers foresaw what may be the future of this people, thus they established this Govenment we find it true what they said. we are witnesses even this day. "Our once Confederacy" they say its true. then no tribe was isolated but all were true to it. Our fathers have long since mouldering in the dust. they enacted these laws it still exist and yet in our hands their Children. The language & form was peculiar which the Onondagas were accustomed to rehearse the Confederacy to the people. which I cannot do on account of the language I am now to use. {referred to what was said before, the Chief Carpet, His fan, & his strong stick.

We shall have Horned men. the Band that Bound the Confederacy shall be strong enough that while any one shall undertake to go out from under the band his Horns shall remain inside

they pull the tree up & dig a hole deep down to the river under the earth, that will carry it away and pull it up again & put the tree & let it flourish. When part of the Confederacy went over to Canada, a portion of the constitution was thrown there, here they are on this table, this was done when England was defeated by the American President & one of the Chief of the Onodgas emigrated to Canadaga, & took this portion with them. the fragments of G.L. were reconstructed as far as possible. We have none here all, our Brothers the Oneida & Mohawk have the entire documents on paper which the 2 nations have.

The Great White Root extended South this is sent to the Cherokees. carry Peace to them & to other Southern Indians, also to the East, they employ the 7th Nation his is to carry Peace to the Atlantic shores. to the North to the Gekway' for the Peace of Northern Indians a large wampum was then left. good and New, the wampum had a sun in the middle indicated prosperity & light this sun will arise among the Indians North it will shine around you, give you light and warmth. prosperity is evident. These were done & sent by the 6 Nations confederacy. those who refuse to comply with these requests they strike the root & bleed. Between Canada this word here, Decanah, here the wampum was shown

Gosenoh was the Chief. His words are on this wampum. the wampum defended the Iroquois at the west. Called Hiawatha. expostulate wampum a disk, no knife for fear it may cut & bleed, another that a path was opened for travellers they should go unmolested, this Wampum come from the West & North. another it was exhibited which came from the English. He told us that we cannot unite with you therefore I say nothing on this.

Exhibited wampum indicating that the Confederacy shall have but one heart. one soul.

This wampum shows that Capt Brant & his son John Shagonwohs, they misstep & afterwards returned, and renew their allegeance with the 6 N. these are the words, this is the regular Course to do if they should misstep & returned.

I mentioned these facts, to show the A the Confederacy was respected by so many Indians from the begining till these were transpired.

Great Council of Indians were called in Canada 8 years since, it was represented by many. & again 40 years ago - one from here represented. these were all represented as friendly to each other, in the Council it was voted by the Assembly, those who are in favour of this Indian Government & not to mix up with the White men may arose - the whole assembly arose and those who opposed may also arise not one arose. thus the Confederacy was re affirmed by the people. I have thus far explained the acts and rules of the Government more than this I have no authority to discuss

White men have put them guns in the Earth also, but it seems now white men have found his rifle again, perhaps their rifles are carried away by the Spring and perhaps found them near the Ocean and took them up again and are now fighting at the South. If any one should see a rifle at the Spring where they draw water, they should let it alone but turn your face away and dont look at it. at some future day, may be next Summ, Smoke of the Coming fire may arise in one of these towns, when the whole parts may be put together and form a perfect depositary of documents - Explanations. 6 Nations represented as 6 arrows. not easily broken. one is weak & easily broken

two arrows can be easily broken but three are broken, it is in danger of the whole confederacy is ruined and broken up —

Explanations. Capt Brant & Son. said I leave the Confederacy and will scatter the pins and got mad and left but after consideration He repented and returned, these are the words he left to the Confederacy. the dispute was on the subject of the Bible. man cant leave & be chief. for white man do not have horns, and horned man dont look well among the whites. the example of Brant & Son in this case is important and proper to be imitated;

Tuscarora said they shall not be able to be present, in this Council they have Government of their own it is sufficient for me. we hope they will reconsider it soon and return to their allegiance of the Six Nations.

Three times will the delinquent be requested to return their allegiance before the final action will be had. if they return well & good & if not their Horns will be shorn) or their authority will be taken away from them no protection will they have from the 6 Nations

Sagonissee. is Present a chief of the Tuscarora Tribe, He adheres to the Gov.t of 6 Nations, with a few adherents. of warriors and few women. Mr. Smith spoke for him & on his behalf.

Mr Isaac Jamison said that an opportunity will be given to Thomas Jemison to speak He arose and said thus, I am happy to see so many of you, my friends & strangers from a distances. I have purchased some 16 years since a piece of land. my tax was small about 20 $. less

year

another comes around I paid again
not yet 20$. it increased a little.
40$. top ; 50 days labour on
the Road all right so far —
After which time the Legislature took
us in as Alg Corporation. we opposed
2 years finally got beat. law was
made. another tax is levied it
was large, much larger about
$60. if not paid in time they
sell the land, with the privilege
to redeem. I paid along from
year to year still increasing.
now for 5 years past
$105.0. Change Politics —
Democrats now removed and
the tax was great deal less.
this fall the tax is increased
again on account of the War.
&c, I understand Country farms
of 100 acres will not pay more
than from 10.$.

Geo Burk again arose and said
that he was instructed to make a
few remarks; it was thought best
to call the 6 Nations together and to
rehearse the laws of it.
This is the object of this meeting. this has
been now for several days in
session. 2 days consume the reading
which is now done by persons
appointed for this purpose. Delegates
from the East took part, Onondagas,
also from Canada we have also done
our part in this matter. We the Onondagas
and our brethren the Senecas in Canada
together laid before the character of
the Confederacy. we have done our
duty now once more our Eastern
Brethren will speak. he will recapitulate
the subject now before you.
Lewis Thomas then said, that
we were properly delegated to attend
this Council (6 Nations)

Hoyanee, belongs to us all, he is to see for our good. if he should go out under the ground and come out of them his horns must cease of. He cannot go out & take measures to ruin his nation, he should attend the welfare of his nation, men, women Lads, Creeping babies, or those who still last on the bound. at the End we put on the floor slippery bark when our Childrn will fall & their heads will roll into destruction wailing as they roll. this will be the consequence of rebellions around the Rings - three steps to be taken, Last ring is the Chiefs. Second the Warriors, Third the Women will endeavor to persuade him to return & repent, all these Rings will consider & determine. the expectation to cut the trees will be performed by the Warriors

The Hoyanee duty is to settle differences among the Chiefs, look out for the warrior if you are deposed, if the Chief is correct in his government he shall continue during life.

The desire of our friends from Canada is that they might be faithful to the regulations of this Government, I for myself I will adhere to it.

Once more, Chiefs shall never introduced the partitions of our lands, When White men made his appearance here they purchase our lands & paid the money, Annuities should be held sacred and the Chiefs should not use to his own benefit but all the people should have the benefits of it.

Address - by Honowinnehdoh -

You see us reunited Eastern & Canada Brothers have finished their talk this day, it seems that this will be all

we can do, have excuse us our performance, should we meet again of this Kind of Council at some future day We may expect to have the whole the Laws & Regulations of the Confederacy. the father and Son will then exhibit the whole I urge my friends to consider this carefully among each tribe and determined what would be best for Your people that our people may live and our Children in future to prosper. let us be faithful to our respectful trusts, and see that no injury is done or come nigh us to our injury - We are all very unfortunate and becoming poor, all of us in a dangerous condition; I speak only few words, to You wise men consider it carefully and determine wisely.

Little Joe gave notice that another meeting will be held here tomorrow to determine our course in this matter, invites all to come again men & women.

Iroquois Ag Society's Difficulty.
in the year 1872 & 73. after the Fair in the Month of September at the Election of Offices for the year 1873.

Hiram Dennis was elected Pres't N. H. Parker Sec'y and Wm Nephew Treasurer. Trustees, were Ephas Iroquois, Sam'l Jemison, Noah Iroquois, H. Hinchels Thomas Jemison 2d. Moses Stevenson, M. B. Pierce. Charles Kennedy, Anderson Johnson, H. Dennis, N. H. Parker.

and transacted other business then Adjourned sine die.

that same day, another meeting was called by Perry John & James Pierce after the meeting was broken up and many

of them had gone home and formed another Society, appointed a set of Offices clear through from the disaffected portion of the Society -

Penny John was made Pres't. Jones Pein Sec. Nat, Kennedy Treas, and a set of Trustees. A. Sim Logan, Chief of Police.

These Officers went to Albany or sent Jones Pein to draw the State Appropriation for the support of this Society the sum of $250.00, he represented himself as the Sec. of the Society and drew the said sum from the Comptroller, Mr Hopkins.

H. Dennis' Party propose to the other party to compromise by leaving this matter to some Judge for decision, who was right, and to agree to abide by his decision, and that the successful party should pay the cost of reference, they rejected this proposition -

Hiram Dennis' party then applied

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to Judge Barker for injunction on the other party. September 8. 1873. and a day or two afterwards granted a hearing at Fredonia on the 15th day of Sep. to show cause why this injunction should not be granted:

These notices was served on said Officers P. John J. Pein & N. Kennedy September 12. by Mr Most Cons, of Brant. with Mr Moses Stevenson:

M. T. Jenkins of Fredonia was Attorney for Dennis' party.

Notices were given to the Public that there will be a Fair on the 16.17 18 & 19th of September by said Penny John's party.

The other remonstrated and put in the Gowanda Gazette denying the Fair and telling the public that the Indians will not attend or take any thing to the Fair and that the other

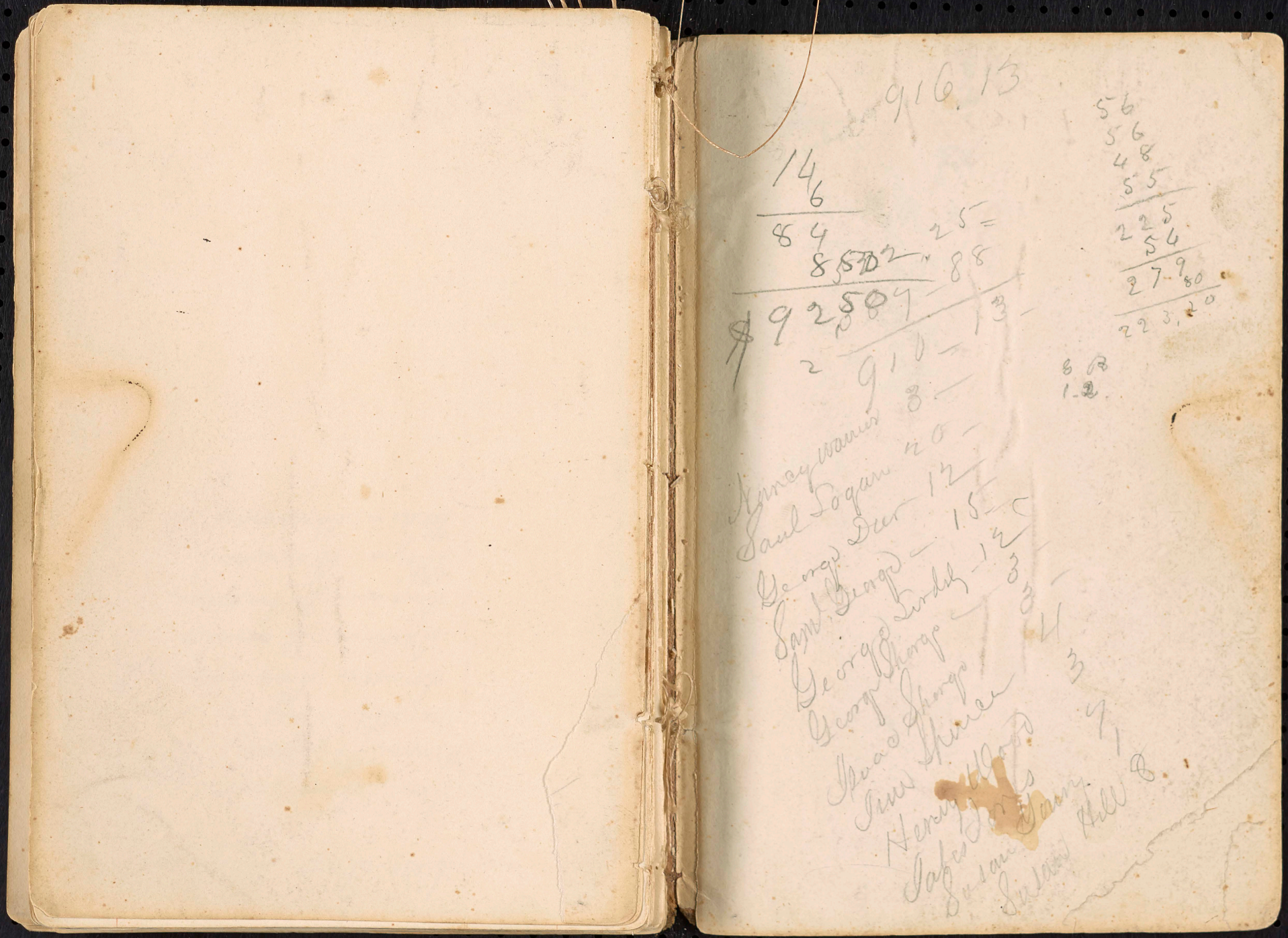
party will
~~to be~~ held a Fair on the 1st 2d & 4th day of
October, when the Indians will
come in and make a good
display of articles for competition &c

Miss Mary Gleason

Lucinda Cornfield
Phebe S. Jemison

Miss Top. Class –

Jane Juesins
Jane Logan
Martha Say
Louisa Seneca
Julia Dennis
Susan Johnson
Eliza Seneca
Helen Beaver



[List prepared from this notebook-3562- by J.N.B. Hewitt.]

October 27, 1932

Seneca Names extant in 1865, from an Old Note book of Maris Pierce

Hoñwa"ya nɛ'doñni

Sagoyä'diyos"thä"

? Jahọdohguahɛh

Sa"adowä'nɛ̈"

Sa"gaodi'

Hanɛ'saoñ'gwäs

Gawiyesi'hä" ?

Gayɛ"dăkha'on'

Sagowana'on

Gayẽ̃ndɛ̃sõ'

Ga'nis'hä̃'dõ'

Gaõ'shyakdã̃'dyɛ'

Ganõ'kwasɛ̃'

Dɛani'dɛ'õ' ?

Dɛotï̃'sɛ'

Wi'dyä'

Ganinɛ'ho' ?

Nis'ha'dɛk'hä'

Gayẽ̃ndak'hï̃'

Gayẽ̃ndo'hää'

Gõ̃wä'sko'kwẽ̃

Djă'nyă'

Ganĕñyu'sē'

Ganuñwis'yu'

Gĕndeshaă'ăñ'

Donon'să'hs'

Gɛ'nó'don'k

Hanondăgá'nyŭs

Degăniá'sos

Gahɛ'da'hon'k

Hayĕñ'dyɛ'ɔ

Do'doñdō'wāā'

Hodo'gāā'

Dā'gä'ˀdoˀs

Sä'degaä'ⁿdhes

Djineˀkiˀ' ?

Sagowañnâⁿ'hăˀ ?

Daoˀsoñ'niˀ

Ganiˀdeyot'kuˀ

Gadäˀgoñ'niˀ

Dji'djyadé'gĕⁿ

Djakgowaⁿˀdă' ?

Gă'nĕⁿs ?

Sä'dé'wă's

Gayĕñdakhă'onˀ

Dyoyadă''dɛ̃
Nɛ''gwā̃
Hawĕñ'do'
Nowiyă''gõ
Hayă''pădji'
Sawĕñno'wāā'
Gayă'sō'do''
Dɛ'hodogwă''di' hii' ?
Ganis'hɛ''i'
Waă''dyă'k [dyāk!]
Hat'honwi'nɛ'
Gawiyes'ha''a ?

Gasgaó'dõⁿ?

Gāí'ᵍ dyõⁿ's ?

Deaᵍ'dă's

Saⁿgeoᵍ'dĕⁿ?