otherwise, any right or claim of said Indians to said Country, and it appropriated the sum of $1000, for this object. These Amendments were adopted in the Senate, but the House refusing to concur, Committees of Conferences were appointed by both Houses, and they failing to agree, the amendments were finally lost. It is understood, however, these propositions were not opposed in the House upon their merits, but by reason of the incongruity of introducing such provisions in the shape of amendments to the Indian appropriation bill.

If the amendment appropriating $1000 for the purpose of negotiating a treaty with the Indians, had passed both Houses of Congress, it would have been an insufficient sum to accomplish that object, and I would now respectfully recommend, in the event of your concurrence in the views herein expressed, that Congress be asked to take such legislative action as may be deemed requisite to authorize the negotiation of Articles of Convention and agreement with the aforesaid Indians, having a due regard to the rights and interests of those who have never emigrated to the reserve, as well as to that portion of the tribe who now reside thereon, or have been driven from the lands in question; and in consideration of the fact that the Indians are dispersed through several of the States and Territories of the United States, and the great distance which must necessarily be travelled by the Commissioners who may be appointed to negotiate with them, I would suggest the