

We would here state that we are the chiefs by birthright of the ^{bands} tribes we represent and that we and the persons whose names are given in the lists herewith enclosed came to this Territory between the years 1838 and 1846. See lists of Oneidas, Stockbridge and St. Regis. Our bands acknowledge us as ~~to return to the action of the Special Agent as with to state~~ Chiefs.

This we stated to the Special Agent - (A. S. Stevens) and he seemed inclined when we met him at ^{Paoli} to recognize us as Chiefs. ~~and~~ but when we met him at Quindaro he seemed to set us aside and recognize ^{as such} a set-off were elected by persons who are ^{mostly} citizens of the United States and Indians who ~~came from~~ ^{are not New York Indians} ~~the~~ ^{such} States. ~~than~~ ^{and} whom our bands do not own as Chiefs ^{to discover us}. It seems to us that he does so because we will not be made tools in his hands to cheat our ^{not} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~people~~ ^{people} ~~as~~ ^{as} some others have done. ~~He will~~ ^{He will} be astonished ^{to learn} that some of those who are claiming of the New York Indian lands have sold their ^{entire} shares at ^{very low prices} ~~one dollar per acre~~ receiving in ^{part} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~pay~~ ^{pay} goods ^{from} ~~the man to whom they sold~~ ^{the man to whom they sold} ~~is~~ ^{is} a merchant at Quindaro. We must believe