

INDIAN SPEECH.

(War-1812.)

Extract of a Speech from Lafrombois to Judge B. Parke, dated May 17th 1815.

MY FATHER,

I am sorry to tell you that the chiefs who were sent with your Speech, to the Pattawattimies and Kickapoos have returned, for this reason, I heard that the British had invited them to their country, and that they were gone.

MY FATHER,

I listen with pleasure to your Speech. It would be unnecessary for us to go to the Kickapoos & Pattawattimas, knowing they would tell us nothing but lies.

MY FATHER,

You know that the Kickapoos & Pattawattimas told you at Vincennes, that they had sent an Express to their nations for you, and that they expected to meet the express at Fort Harrison. They told you a lie.

MY FATHER,

I believe that the British have sent for the Indians to inform them that peace has been made between the United States & Great Britain,

MY FATHER,

The British sent for us (the Weas) We are determined not to go.

[C 688, p 190.]

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MY FATHER,

A party of twenty eight Ottawas and Pattawattimies passed my camp, I endeavoured to turn them back, but they would not listen to me,

MY FATHER,

You and the British have counselled together, and you are the proper person to settle the disputes.

MY FATHER,

The Ottawas and Pattawattimies who passed my camp told me that they were informed by the British that by the Treaty they had made with the United States, the Americans had given up all the country as far as the Ohio River, and they were angry to see the Americans planting corn so far in their country and that the British were bringing to Mackinaw presents for the Indians; that the British wanted no help from them, but told them to do as they pleased. Those Indians said to me, "My Brother, what do you do here. Pecon your chief is on his way to the British at Mackinaw, and here is the wampum from your Father the British" I told them I could not accept the wampum from the British, that I wished to be at peace with all nations. I gave them two strings of wampum telling them that if they saw any of my young men, to treat them kindly. These Indians also told me that the British were ashamed of the peace they had made with the Americans, but that they would soon be strong enough as they had four vessels, laden with arms and ammunition coming to Mackinaw, that the Indians had the British, French, Dutch and Negroes at their backs to assist them. That there were several parties of hostile Indians out, and as soon as the country got dry, there would be many more, for the purpose of killing the white people.

[C. 688, p. 188.]