

From June 12th 1830

Friend Hussey

I wish to give you some information concerning Indian affairs. As it respects their farming, they have been much more industrious this spring than formerly. All the old land is ploughed that was ploughed last year with the addition of about fifteen acres of new land which they have planted in good order. There is one exception however but he left Old Town on Wednesday last for the purpose of planting his land on Loch Island.

I have furnished them with fifty bushels of potatoes, five and half pecks of corn & twenty quarts of beans which they have planted on burnt land. I have not been able to get the Indians together to conclude on selling their land and timber but expect they will meet for that purpose on Monday next.

They have valued (according to their own account) three times the quantity of fish that they have done heretofore.

Reuben Haining

Tuesday June 15th

I have to day heard an interview with the Lieut Gov. and Council of the Indians, and agreeably to their ^{request} to make known to the Gov. and Council of Maine their final determination with regard to the sale of their lands, and timber. viz: They will not sell the timber alone at any price.

They will not sell the Middlebury township alone; but will sell the two lower townships for one dollar twenty five cents per acre, taken together. In this the final result of several days deliberation all in authority are agreed, save the Gov. He will not sign a deed of sale on any terms. I suppose that I shall be obliged to make a communication of this kind to Mr. Huntton. I shall however within it another day, endeavoring in the meanwhile to induce them to lower their demands. I am persuaded that it is for their interest to sell, and that Maine cannot afford to give this high price.

Allen Haines

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