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Oshkosh - addressed the agent - & said - "Father, I will tell you my business in coming down to see you, it is in relation to the treaty we made in 1836 - you was then present, and we think there are many things ^{promising} in relation to that treaty that have not been done by our Great Father ^{the President} - Our Father, Governor Dodge, ~~then~~ told us that whatever he promised ~~then~~ should be fulfilled - He was ^{then} in the place of our Great Father the President, and we hoped what he promised would be done, but we begin to fear all will not be done which was ~~then~~ promised. We wish to enquire about our houses, mills & improvements at the Rapids, we were to be paid 76,000 dollars for them - this sum was not paid to us, ~~we~~ were ~~then~~ told that ~~the~~ our Great Father was going to keep this sum in his hands & pay us for the use of it; we now want to have that amount ^{meaning the interest on the} 76,000 \$ added to our annuities & paid to us every year - We ^{also} wish to ^{make} further enquires about the payment made to us in 1837; we were then paid one half in money, and received ^{some} a part in goods; but not the whole amount which we should have received. the goods were not ^{of} the value of one half of our annuities; there was

then due to us about four boxes, this we have never been paid, we have often been told that our Great Father would pay it - and we now want to remind him of this, and request him to pay it to us this year - At the Treaty of 1836, we were told that our money & provisions should be ^{sent to us} ~~be taken~~ ^{upon our land} ~~in~~ ^{at that place} our own Country - We were not paid ~~at that place~~ last year, but were obliged to come a great way to receive our annuities: the payment was made so late in the fall that all of our people were taken in the ice, on their return home: ^{as the} ~~in consequence~~ ^{to us was made} of the payment, being so late, we lost our canoes, our provisions and our fall hunt were entirely ^{destroyed} lost: Our payments have been made so late in every year, that they do us more harm than good - It would be better for us if we had not gone to the payments. We hope our Great Father will listen to us and grant our request, and that he will fulfill ^{our agreement} the Treaty and pay us at the time mentioned in the Treaty, in June or July - and we think that as our annuities were paid so late, as to cause us so much injury, that our Great father should pay us for ^{the} ~~our~~ loss of our canoes and fall hunt - and we want to know whether the fault of not paying us, is our Great Father's or that of those persons who he employs to do his business - We believe our Great Father is not to blame - but we think he is deceived by the persons he trusts, & we want him to know what ~~they~~ we think -

We have before asked our Great Father for eight flags, and eighteen medals - We were promised to have these given to us a long time since: We are the only Indians who have no medals & flags, when we go into council, we want to remind our Great Father of these promises - and we hope he will send his children these things, by which they may remember him. We know we are ignorant and poor, but we never forget a promise made to us - We have often been promised things which we have not received: we have been wronged about our payments and treaties: we now again repeat our complaint, and hope it will not again happen: we hope the sky will be clear hereafter, and that our just complaints will now be attended to -

We wish to say a few words about our friend Robert Gignon - By the treaty we gave him 20 000^{fr}, but our Great Father refused to pay it to him for what reason we do not know - we put this into the treaty as a part payment for the land sold to us - We think that if our Great Father will not pay it to our friend - it should be paid to our people - We wish he would do so - as we think he has no right to take that much money from us -