

## Ottawa Indians to President John Quincy Adams

This letter to President John Quincy Adams was written by seven Ottawa Indians, including two who had completed a surveying trip with missionary Isaac McCoy. These Ottawas, who had been offered lands west of the Mississippi, appeared to be pleased with the new lands in Indian Territory and wished to move there alongside McCoy and another missionary named Johnston Lykins. The letter was written from Fort Wayne, Indiana, but these Ottawas had originally resided in Michigan. The seven Indians who dictated this letter signed their mark to the bottom of the document.

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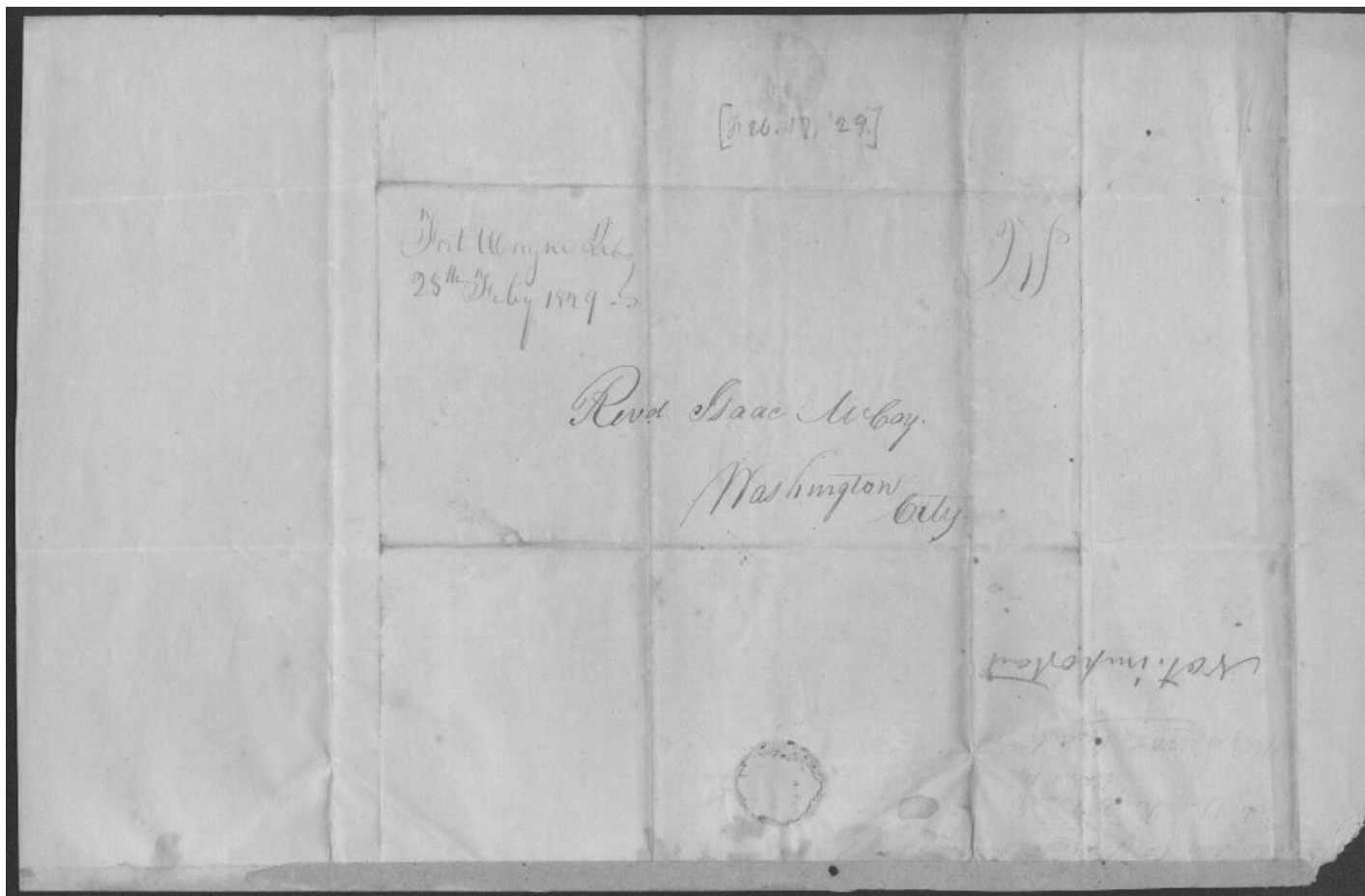
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To the President  
of the U. States

Sir,

Two of us whose names occur below accom-  
panied Mr. McCoy on the late exploring expedition west  
of Mississippi. Being well pleased with the country we  
saw, and desirous to find a home therein, similar anxiety  
to remove thither, has been created in many others.

We have been informed that Mr. McCoy and Mr. Lykins  
with others of their missionary associates, propose settling  
in the country west of the State of Missouri, together with  
many of the late pupils of their schools, some of whom belong  
to our tribe. We therefore pray our Great Father the President, to  
grant us permission to accompany those above mentioned to their  
contemplated residence. We ask leave to go thither with a view  
of making that our residence, and we shall be thankful for  
whatever assistance in our removal and on our arrival in the  
new country the kindness of our Great Father will afford.

We further ask for similar indulgence for such others of our  
tribe as shall choose to accompany us, and to avail themselves  
of such favours.

Grand River

Feb. 17. 1829.

We are with Respect

Yours

<sup>his mark</sup>  
Gosa. + Ottawa

Wah-sai-gans + "

Shaw-boos — + "

Shing-ah-Rik — + "

Sob-e-quan — + "

Piwosh — + "

Kosh-quon-keh — + "