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Dep. of War. Off. Indian affairs.
7 Sep. 1824.

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th ultimo has been received. Your view of the application of the Wyandots for permission to visit Washington, is correct. These visits are very expensive, and from tribes as well acquainted with us as the Wyandots are, should not be encouraged unless some very important object is to be effected by them. A written communication from the Wyandots, stating their wishes (as they have already been apprized) will receive every attention they could desire, were they submitted to the Government by a deputation sent on for that purpose; and that mode is preferred, in all cases like the present, as being less expensive and more convenient both to the Government and the Indians.

In relation to the difficulties between the Christian and Pagan parties of the Wyandot tribe, I refer you to my letter to you of the 17th ultimo on that subject.

I am very respectfully, Sir.

Your Ob. Serv.

(Signed) Thos. McKenney

Hon. Excellt.

Elmer Cass

Detroit

Recd by Capt. J. L. McKenney
Sept. 1824

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