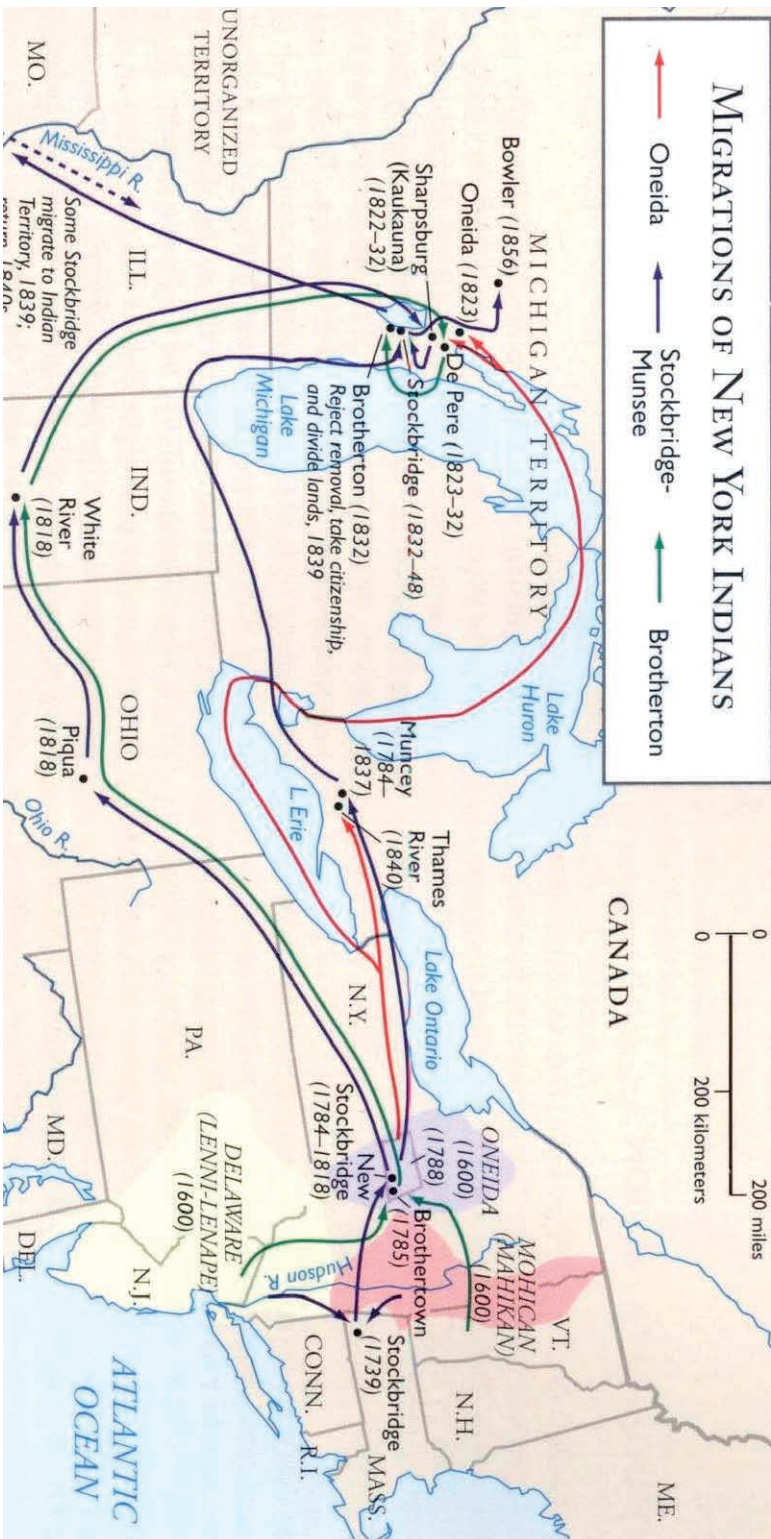


The American Peace Commissioners



Migrations of New York Indians



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Thomas Jefferson 1787

I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing... It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government... God forbid that we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion... The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.



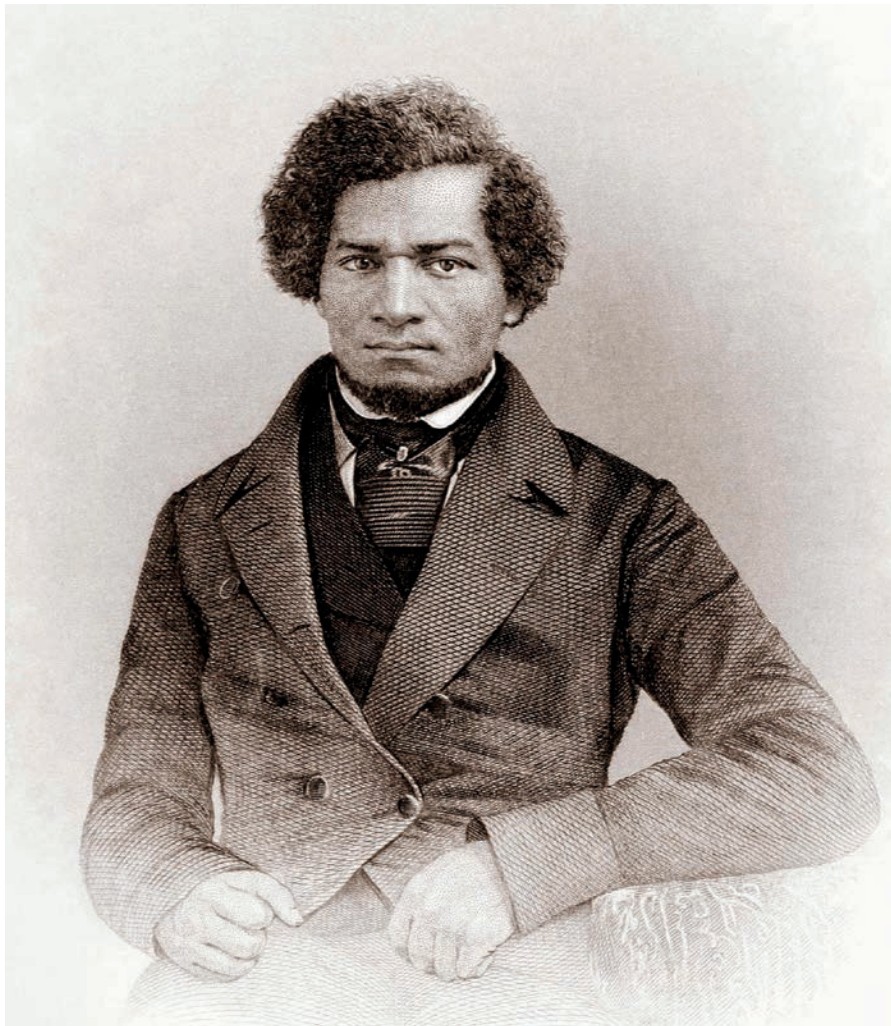
Abigail Adams 1776

I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.



Frederick Douglass 1852

What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence; your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity, are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very hour.



Cornplanter, Half Town, and Big Tree (Seneca) 1790

Three Seneca Chiefs address George Washington:

When your army entered the country of the Six Nations, we called you the Town-destroyer; and to this day, when your name is heard, our women look behind them and turn pale, our children cling close to the necks of their mothers. Our counselors and warriors are men and cannot be afraid; but their hearts are grieved with the fears of our women and children...Father [G. Washington], the game [wild animals] which the Great Spirit sent into our country for us to eat is going from among us. We thought he [the Great Spirit] intended we should till the ground with the plough as the white people do, and we talked to one another about it. But before we speak to you concerning this, we must know from you whether you mean to leave us and our children any land to till. Speak plainly to us concerning this great business.

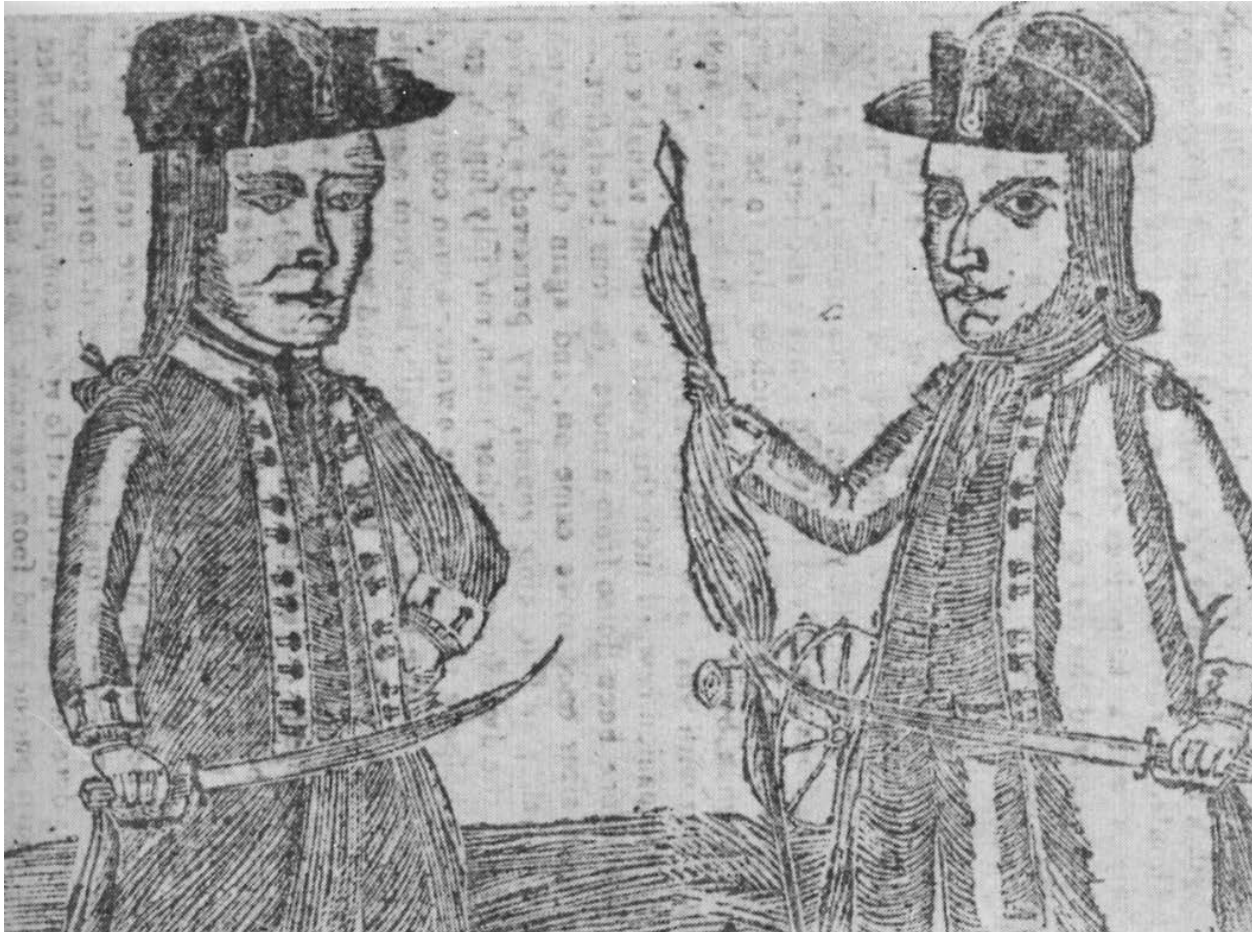
All the land we have been speaking of belonged to the Six Nations: no part of it ever belonged to the King of England, and he could not give it up to you. The land we live on our fathers received from God, and they transmitted it to us for our children, and we cannot part with it.



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1786 Plough Jogger, a veteran and farmer

I have been greatly abused, have been obliged to do more than my part in the war; been loaded with class rates, town rates, province rates, Continental rates and all rates... been pulled and hauled by sheriffs, constables and collectors, and had my cattle sold for less than they were worth... The great men are going to get all we have and I think it is time for us to rise and put a stop to it, and have no more courts, nor sheriffs, nor collectors nor lawyers...



Sample Poetweet and Mind Mirror



Poetweet

@ Soldier Jones



rebellion now. rebellion later. rebellion always. each generation should crack a few eggs to make a better liberty omelette. feels good!

