

TO THE HON. JOSEPH HOWE, SUPT. GENL. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, &c., OTTAWA:

The memorial of the tribe in general of the Chippewa Indians of Walpole Island sheweth:

That your memorialists would suggest the propriety of using your valuable influence for the dismissal of W. N. FISHER from his office of Interpreter, for the following reasons:

1. That by the grace of God, and by the watchful and guardian care of Her Majesty's officers, we, the Indian Bands of Walpole Island, have for many years past enjoyed much peace and quietness; but at the present time we are much disturbed in our minds, on learning that one William N. Fisher has forwarded to you sundry false statements concerning members of our bands known as the Saginaw Indians, which statements if regarded by you will greatly wrong many of the Chippewa Indians of our bands.

2. To oppose the said William N. Fisher and his abettors in their wicked designs, we have this 5th day of July, A.D. 1871, met in solemn council. The substance of our deliberations is, that the members of our band known as the Saginaw Indians, should not be disturbed, for the reason that the said Saginaw Indians have been identified with us and the Sarnia band since the year A.D. 1837, and having married and intermarried among us for these many years have become inseparably identified with us; and it would be an act of oppression, at this late day, to separate the descendants of our brothers, the said Saginaw Indians, from our bands, which your Honor will not allow. In support of the truth of the above statements we beg to refer your Honor to the accompanying affidavits.

3. We do now unitedly and most respectfully become your petitioners, and ask that the said William N. Fisher be removed by you from the office of Interpreter and Secretary of Walpole Island, for the reasons following:

1. The designs of the said W. N. Fisher, in making disturbance among us, are for the sake of gain to himself and abettors.

2. The said Fisher is a drunkard, using spirituous liquors to excess

3. The said Fisher is a designing, wicked man, and a disturber of our peace.

4. He never, in consequence of his immorality, possessed the confidence of our people. Instead of setting a good example before us, since he was placed in the position he now occupies he has given himself up to drunkenness and dissipation, and he is continually leading many of our own people into drunkenness and immorality. Consequently the tribe, through his example is retrograding instead of advancing in civilization. And we would, therefore, pray that you will take this matter into consideration, and in your power remove this grievance from among our people, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Solomon Pahdaksung. x	Charles Thomas. x	James Notie. x
Wametogozhence. x	Thos. Pemah-quahdonce. x	Peter Notie. x
William White. x	Francis White. x	James Weshoe. x
Frank Roy. x	Madwagonabey. x	William Naahjee. x
James Bird. x	James Penance. x	Chaw-me. x
Charles Riley. x	Alexander Madwayosh. x	Secdaw. x
Samuel Johnson. x	James Saugce. x	Shahbahdees. x
William George. x	George Naggs. x	Mah-quah-mence. x
Joseph William. x	John Nahvacodo. x	John John. x
John Penance. x	Peter Jacob. x	Henry P. Johnston. x
Ah-Sug. x	Thomas Johnson. x	John Naubav. x
Kaly-ah-gence. x	John Williams. x	Waube-man ne-doo. x
Pewamo. x	John Tuheurbin. x	Ququa-dan-sung. x
Alexander Johnson. x	Ke-ke-nos-wa. x	Samuel Pewamoo. x
Kewa-co-um. x	Thomas Almond. x	Joseph Thomas. x
Henry Naggs. x	Thomas Fox. x	George Tuheurbin. x
Saw-guch. x	Simon Peter. x	Adam Wau-wau-sum. x
Nawahjegezhegwaskum. x	Frank Williams. x	Petewegezhigk. x
Adam Sharlow. x	John Riley. x	Nagonab. x
John N. Miskokomon. x	Saml. Petahwahnequot. x	Salgoch. x
Menahquod. x	John W. Peter. x	Joseph Pashegezhighk. x
John Naggs. x	M. Ashquabetong. x	Penazhe. x
Jacob Scott. x		