

and the reasons given by
the Indians and their
Superintendent Mr Plipps
in support of their claim
to the exclusive enjoyment
of the disputed fisheries,
and further draws attention
to that portion of the Treaty
of 1836 in which the fishing
Islands are mentioned as one
of the desirable features con-
nected with the proposed
arrangement of settling the
Indians on Manitoulin.

The undersigned then
concludes his report with
the remark that in view
of the fishing privileges
around the Islands having
been one of the inducements
held out to the Indians to
settle upon Manitoulin, and
owing to the further fact
that the Indians have been
in the continuous enjoyment
since the date of that Treaty
of the disputed fisheries,
and that some 1500 Indians
derive an important
part of their subsistence
from the fisheries in question,
it would not be consistent
with the principles either of
justice or humanity to deprive