

I have had the honor of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.  
 with enclosing Mr. Kerr's Petition to His Excellency Sir Peregrine  
 Maitland on the subject of the Land granted to him, his Brothers  
 and Sisters, by the Six Nations Indians residing at the Grand River  
 with their wishes declared in all directions that they might  
 obtain a Confirmation of the Grant from the Crown, in whom  
 the Reversion rests. As the Purchase of that Tract of Country  
 allotted for <sup>the use of</sup> on which those of the Six Nations who joined his Majesty's  
 Standard and came over to this side of the line, on relinquishing  
 their Native Country was made, under my direction <sup>and</sup>  
 well as that of <sup>that</sup> by order of the late Sir Frederick  
 Waldemans, I can speak with certainty to the terms on  
 which the Grant was intended to be made, which was to  
 them and posterity as long as they remained <sup>as</sup> a Nation  
 in case of removal, or failure, to revert to the Crown. After  
 some years the surrounding Lands being granted & settled by  
 His Majesty's Loyal Subjects, they complained of their hunting  
 being destroyed and that the land being more than they could  
 cultivate, <sup>and deforested with fire for their subsistence they</sup> and of through the influence of land jobbers they  
 were prevailed upon to represent their situation, and to  
 pray that they might be permitted to dispose of a certain  
 portion of their Grant, to raise a fund for their support  
 which was permitted and the sums arising from those  
 sales were remitted to the amount of several thousand  
 Pounds, to England <sup>to be</sup> invested in the Funds, from which  
 they now receive annually several hundred Pounds.  
 Major Bowles  
 mil<sup>l</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1710  
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