

£86-2-6 - Cy.  
Sir

Indian Village Buddis  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 1831

I am requested by the Chiefs to inform you that the one hundred and sixty nine days work at 2/6 currency per day have been realised towards erecting the Saw Mill at this place.

Will you have the goodness to lay the account before His Excellency Sir John Colborne, with a request that the money may be forwarded to the Chiefs, to enable them to pay those men that have been employed during the last week; the amount is twenty one pounds two & sixpence currency.

The Chiefs also request that the £25.0.0 which I mentioned to His Excellency the other day in your presence may be sent by the bearer.

They agree to send in the accounts to you, that you may know how the money has been expended, and if the Lieut Governor think it necessary, they can get the receipts from those to whom the money is paid.

I am Sir

Your Most humble Servant  
(Signed) Peter Jones.

Sanctioned

To

Col. Givins  
B. I. I. J.  
York.

P.S. The beaver are sent to get the remainder of Park from the Commissioners. Can you send us the price of the Park & House?

To Lord Goderich

77<sup>th</sup> Station Garden  
25<sup>th</sup> July 1831

My Lord,

I send a short account of the Indian people of Upper Canada to whom I belong -

We once were very numerous and covered all Upper Canada, and lived by hunting and fishing. But the white men who came to trade with us taught our fathers to drink the fire water, which has made our people poor and sick, and has killed many Indians, till we have become very small.

It was about eight years ago when the Gospel was preached to us by Methodist Ministers. Before that it was thought that we were too ignorant and poor to understand the Great Word, and too wicked and drunken to turn to the true God and be saved.

But when our people found that the Lord Jesus Christ would save Indians as well as white men, and that He had died for our sins, we were sorry in our hearts for our wicked ways and prayed to the Great Spirit and he took away our sins and changed our hearts and gave us his good Spirit, and we have thrown away all our wicked ways.

The first Tribe that became Christian was the Mississaugas at the River Buddis, of about 251 souls, who, <sup>on</sup> embracing the Christian Religion formed themselves into a Village at the above place; and our Father Sir Peregrine Maitland built for us with our money twenty houses. The Methodist Missionary Society helped us