

"We, the Indians residing in the Owen Sound and Saugeeng Country, DECLARE that, having disposed of all our hunting grounds, we can no longer live by the chase, and therefore wish to settle upon farms, and become farmers and mechanics, abandon our hunting and roving habits, and no longer be as minors to be treated like children, but be allowed to enjoy all the blessings of civilization, and, like other citizens and subjects of Her Majesty's Government, enjoy the benefits of our Provincial Statutes, be governed by them, and observe them like other men. In a word, we DECLARE it is our wish to become freeholders, and not be disfranchised, or denied any civil or political rights enjoyed by the yeomanry of our country. Therefore, we DECLARE, if the Government will grant unto us individually, and to each member of our respective families, a *free deed* for one hundred acres of our own land, which we have not yet surrendered, to be possessed and enjoyed by us, and our heirs in succession for ever; and if we can have a positive assurance, that on our forming such a settlement, as we contemplate, a manual or labour school shall be established among us, as soon as practicable, in which our children may be instructed in the various branches of English education, and also be taught to become mechanics and farmers, and thereby be induced to contract habits of industry and frugality; then, in such case, we DECLARE, that we who have hereunto put our names and '*too-tems*' will settle as above intimated in one locality or place that may be agreed upon by a majority of