



Indian Office Manitoaning
March 22nd 1876

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of letter No 5530 dated 28th ult. and in reply to state that I find much difficulty in answering circular No 1. of 4th January last - after discussing this matter with various Bands I am unable to point out any stations which should be set apart for exclusive domestic use - the reservation in favor of Indians in lease to White men renders this to a great extent unnecessary, and the migratory character of the fish requiring frequent changes of their fishing grounds.

I enclosed sketches of fisheries Nos 1. 2 + 3 which the Indians desire to be reserved for them, - mainly for domestic use, but as in fall they catch more than they require for home use - they desire the right of selling their surplus catch. It is very difficult to make them understand the difference between fishing for their own use, and for sale, and I would respectfully recommend that if rent has to be paid in consequence of

The Honorable
the Minister of the Interior
Indian Branch
Ottawa.

No 1. Cochrane Island Indians
2. Chequamegon Indians
3. West Bay Indians.