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I have laid before Lord Bathurst the second letter which you did me the honor of addressing to me on the subject of the present situation of the five Nations in Canada & the objects which they have commissioned you to represent to His Majesty's Government. His Majesty's Government have ever been most anxious to remunerate those Chiefs & Warriors of the five Nations who during the late war with the U. States contributed their assistance for the defence of the Province. Lord Bathurst has therefore considered the propositions contained in your letter with every disposition to meet your wishes.

I am directed to assure you that there is no difficulty on the part of His Majesty's Government to admit the Grant of the Grand River which was after the Peace of 1789. made to the five Nations, their posterity for ever, is a Grant as full & binding upon the Government as any other made in Canada to Individual Settlers.

The five Nations therefore have under that Grant the liberty which all joint Settlers possess of distributing & dividing their Lands among the several members of their community, according to their own views of utility & convenience, so far as they do not violate the conditions of the original Grant, any interference therefore on the part of His Majesty's Government to allot to particular Individuals the Lands already granted generally to the Nations