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I have laid before Lord Bathurst the several letters which you  
 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  
 been petitioned you to represent to His Majesty's Government.  
 His Majesty's Government have ever been most anxious to recom-  
 pensate 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, accord-  
 ing 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