

Toronto 13 March 1834
Lieut. Col. Napier
Quebec

Lieut.

In forwarding the accompanying Estimate of Presents for the Indians in Upper Canada for the Year 1835, and a new schedule of Equipments; I have to observe that no additional supply of Goods will be required for the Year 1835; as the large stock of Indian Articles in Store, and the quantity which, according to a Letter from the Treasury to the Comptroller General may be expected from England this year to complete the Estimate of 1833 and 1834 will be sufficient to meet the requisitions of the Indian Department for the Years 1834 and 1835.

It should however be understood that the Presents must be ready to be delivered in Upper Canada early in June. The Lieut. Governor therefore recommends that presents for one year in advance may be always kept in this Province. This arrangement is considered indispensable. The visiting Indians arrive at Amherstburg and Sault-au-Rapide in June, and come from a great distance; and much inconvenience might arise from their being disappointed in receiving their Presents at the usual time.

No Tobacco need be supplied as there is a sufficient quantity in this Country to supply the Indians for some years.

The Lieut. Governor has suggested to the Secretary of State the expediency of changing the Indian Annuities to the Territorial Revenue, and supplying the Tribes settled in this Province with Cattle implements of Agriculture &c. No Goods will in future be forwarded from England on account of the Lieut. Payments.

I have P.
J. Jarvis

On the 10th instant forwarded to Col. Napier the Requisition for Presents for 1835 - and requested that they might be sent out in 1835.

Extract from Letter to Rev. Mr. McMurray dated March 1834 & approved by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

I Upon hearing that the Indians who join your party from the American side sustain in so doing the disadvantage of losing the repairs of their iron implements afforded them in their former situation, & their request to be allowed a Blacksmith to reside among them to compensate that loss, His Excellency instructed me to say that for the present any necessary repairs of this kind may be charged upon the Mission to be defrayed by Government.

II. In answer to your Packet of the 5th Feb. I have to inform you that His Excellency entertains the most liberal & benevolent intentions towards the Indians who now, or hereafter shall receive Christian Instruction under the auspices of the Mission, which he will avail himself of every opportunity