

Wm Spragge Esq.

J. O. Samia
April 7. 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that on the 13th March at the Assizes held in this town, Shah-wah-nah-se-gay a young Pottawatomie Indian was sentenced to be hanged on 2nd June for the murder of a Chippewa belonging to Walpole Island named Nebegegestig.

The murderer was entirely unknown to me, having for years wandered about in the vicinity of Bear Creek, living by hunting. His father, Ooahbenahkie at times lived on Walpole Island and died of measles just at the time his son was arrested.

He is a Pagan, miserably ignorant, and of course when the murder was committed, drunk. I felt satisfied after visiting him in jail, that if not insane, he certainly was of weak intellect, and this opinion was strengthened by the evidence I was enabled to collect and produce on the trial. The jury strongly recommended him to mercy.

A Petition to His Excellency praying for a commutation of this sentence, signed by some of the Chiefs and the principal people of this town has been forwarded to the Hon^{ble} Mr. Cameron.

The Pottawatomie removed into this country in 1840 from the United States, about 300 are settled on Walpole Island but many wander through the scattered townships in the Western District existing by hunting and basket making. As they have no money to relieve they seldom can be persuaded to meet me and many are therefore entirely unknown to me.

I have &c

Thos Salford
U.S.A

Wm Spragge Esq. ^{enters before}

J. O. Samia
April 8. 1862

Sir

I have the honor to transmit my Land Return for the month of March. Also a schedule of Certificate of deposits made to the credit of the Queen Land Department on account of Indian Funds accrued by me during the same period.

I have &c

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Schedule B

Depositor	Bank	Fide on account of	Amount		Total	
			\$	cts	\$	cts
Neil McPhail	U.C.	Moravian of Thames	231	54		
Am G. Goodhue	"	"	581	25	813	09
Ed. W. Roman	"	General allayge Fund	200			
Agnes Umphred	"	"	49	10	249	10
Jacques Gervais	"	Myandeth of Anderson	105			
James Mason	"	"	106			
James Mason	"	"	85			
Thomas Boyle	"	"	164		460	
Joseph Robinson	"	Chippewas of Thames			100	
			Total \$		1622	19

Hon Comm^r
Queen Lands

Sir I have the honor to transmit to you Certificate of deposits for deposits made to the credit of your Department on account of Indian Funds, accrued by me during the month of March, amounting in the aggregate to \$1622.¹⁹/₁₀₀ with a schedule of the same.

I have &c

Thos Salford
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