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Fort William Reserve

March 2nd 1897

To The Honourable

The Superintendent General
of Indians Affairs

Ottawa

Sir

We the undersigned Counsellors and Indians
of the Fort William Band beg to inform you that
our Chief Thomas Boucher, has been giving bad
Example, ever since last Summer, by drinking
And at the present hour he is locked up in
Fort William jail, for the same offence
We do not know how long he intends carrying on
In that way he is well known to be in favor of Drunkards
On this Reserve, and he listens to no one
We feel ashamed of having such a our Chief
If we understand the Indian Act, rightly. It
Directs that a Chief addicted to drinking is to
Be dismissed

This we desire to be done, as soon as possible

Your obedient Servants

Louis ^{his} ~~mark~~ Dechamps
Moses Mc Coy, Counsellor

James B. Whitham
John ^{his} ~~mark~~ Pennasie
Andrew ^{his} ~~mark~~ Banan
Francis ^{his} ~~mark~~ Belleau
John ^{his} ~~mark~~ Pierre
Louis ^{his} ~~mark~~ Captain
Alex. ^{his} ~~mark~~ Mc Coy