

took place about the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, a Council was held by the British Indians, then residing on said reserve, at which an Act was passed by which it was decided that I and said other American Indians, should be received and become, and we were received and did become, forthwith, joint proprietors of and participators in the lands reserved for said British Indians, and the annuities paid them by said British government.

3rd—The said Indians on the Sarnia Indian Reserve, now desire to oust me from the said Reserve, and to prevent my participating in the annuities so paid, on the ground that I am an alien, and in no way entitled to the same; but I say that such ousting and prevention is most wrong and unjustifiable, as I considered that being one of those American Indians, above referred to, the said invitation was extended to me, and it was on the faith of that invitation I left my native land, and further, that as I was made and considered as one of the "Sarnia Reserve" Indians by the decision of the said Council, this should be held as a waiver of anything that may now be urged by the said "Sarnia Reserve" Indians, as a cause to prevent either my participating in the land set apart them by the Government for said Indians, or in the annuities paid, as aforesaid, and which I have received up to the present time, as when any Council of Indians, duly assembled the same is deemed to be strict and binding to all intents and purposes.

Sworn before me at the Town of Sarnia, in the County of Lambton, this First day of August, A. D. 1871, having being first duly interpreted by Abel Wancaush, and explained to the said deponent who appeared to perfectly understand the same, and made his mark in my presence thereto; the said Interpreter having been first sworn to duty interpreted.

THOMAS ^{His} X KAHBENAW.
Mark.

GEORGE RUSSELL,
Reeve for the Town of Sarnia, and Justice of the Peace for the County of Lambton.

County of Lambton. } On this 13th day of July, A. D. 1871, personally
TO WIT: } appeared before me, the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, Thomas Johnson, an Indian, 51 years of age, Isaac Shahnoo, an Indian, 57 years of age, and David Shahnoo, an Indian, 63 years of age, who being duly sworn by me, depose and saith as follows:—

To our own personal knowledge, the Saginaw Indians, in or about the year A. D. 1837, were admitted into the Band of the Chippewa Indians at Sarnia, to become joint proprietors of the Sarnia Reserve, and also the annuities payable to the said Chippewas at Sarnia, and that the said Sarnia Indians, the original owners of the said Reservation at that place, gave them, the said Saginaw Indians, a portion of the same, viz: One half mile in width and four miles in depth, from off the south or lower part of their said Reservation.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, in the said County, the day and year first above written.

ALLEN KENNEDY, J. P.

THOMAS ^{His} X JOHNSON,
Mark.

ISAAC ^{His} X SHAHNOO.
Mark.

DAVID ^{His} X SHAHNOO.
Mark.