

their removal, but that the great difficulty was in getting the consent of the Indians themselves. He further remarked, to Your Memorialist, that the Indians who are about being removed from the River Credit to Owens' Sound, and who have been for a number of years undergoing the process of what is called civilization, and congregated together in a small village for that purpose, were a great way behind their brethren settled on the Manitoulin Islands, in the arts of civilization.

That they being entirely removed from obtaining intoxicating liquors, had applied themselves diligently to acquire the mechanical arts most necessary to supply the immediate wants of their own tribe.

That they were living in the greatest abundance ; the finest fishery in America, being at their own disposal, and the land being well adapted for raising every kind of farm produce, in the knowledge of which science they were very far advanced beyond those of their brethren, that he had met with in this part of Canada. He further informed Your Memorialist, that he was greatly alarmed to find, that through some secret influence at work, which he was unable to find out, the Indians for whose removal every preparation had been made, were about to withdraw their consent, and place the Government in a very embarrassing position. (Your Memorialist believes the Government had already disposed of part of the property they were about to leave), and that he was then on his way to the settlement to hasten their departure by every means in his power.

Your Memorialist would not wish it to be supposed that he means to find fault with any arrangement which Your Excellency's Government may consider proper to be tried for the purpose of civilizing these remnants of their tribes, but he would offer against this experiment, the past experience