

Wallaetush March 25th 1885
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Sir

In obedience to Instructions contained in your letter of 26th February No 8520 Stating the decision of the Department of Justice with regard to who are entitled to share in the distribution of moneys derived from the annuity secured under the treaty of 1827 to the Indians of the Chippewa Nation Inhabiting the tract then Surrendered, and to their posterity, and from proceeds of sale of lands,

I communicated the view of the matter as stated in your letter, to the Indians who dispute the right of the others to share in the distribution referred to, and have to report,

That the Chippewa Indians of Matpole Island, known as, and calling themselves the Treaty Indians, and who are the parties who dispute the right of the others to share in the distribution of annuities. Say,

1st That they are the descendants of the Indians with whom the Treaty of 1827 was made, and that they are the only ones entitled to share in the distribution of moneys secured under that Treaty.

2^d That they have never adopted any Strangers Indians into their Band.

3^d That as to Intermarriages with Indians of other Bands, the law in this regard must govern

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