

Incarora Grand River March 25th 1846

I hereby testify that the original Letters (with the exception of the 4th) were placed in my hands by the Settlers in the above lands, for the purpose of embodying them in a Memorial to His Excellency Sir C Metcalfe in December 1844 - and for the purpose of laying them before him when disputed together with Mr Geo. Strong to wit upon him in Montreal in October last. I then exhibited them to Mr Vardon of the Indian Department who stated he had written most of them in answer to Letters from the Settlers and that he did so by the orders of S.P. Jarvis Esq. C. S. Affairs. and that the Letters calling for such replies lay in the Office of the Indian Department in Toronto.

I also exhibited, and read to Mr Commissioner Thorburne and the Indian Chief assembled in Council on or about 10th April last. said original Letters. and before giving them back to the Settlers for the purpose of exhibiting to Mr Kirkpatrick. now making a further survey of said Lands and improvements. I took copies of the same and which are here re copied. for transmission to the Government through Mr Thorburne as commanded in October last.

I further testify said original Letters had been seen and read by me (in part) before acting as aforesaid on behalf of the Settlers, and that it was on the faith of such Letters so put in circulation, and of other very numerous Documents and acts of the Government indicative of a proposed Sale, that I was induced to purchase and continue the improvements I now hold.

All which is respectfully, humbly and loyally,
submitted and which I am ready at any time duly to certify

Frederick John Cheshire