

Cumberland House
8th Sept^r 1879

When here on my way down from
Ottawa to Winnipeg, an Indian Chief, named
John Cochrane, with his councillors, requested
an interview with me, which of course I
granted, explaining to them who I was, and
that I had nothing to do with the Government.

They came, the chief in his scarlet coat, and
silver medal, and his two councillors in
blue coats with crimson facings.

After the usual salutations they said
they were glad to see gentlemen who were
passing, and ask them to represent their
case to the Government. They had done
this frequently during the last 5 years, but
without any good result. Usually they
were not much listened to - in fact until
this year when Mr. McKay arrived as Indian
agent, who listened to them patiently and
promised to represent their case, and in
my own case to day, they had not received
much attention from those they approached.

They stated that their complaints were
as follows: -

1st Ever since the treaty was made, they
had been told that their reserves should be
surveyed and laid out, but this had never
yet been done, no surveyor having been to
them. They were very anxious that this should
be done at once, so that they might know
where they were to go, and what they could do.
They were anxious that those of them who had