

12. That since the Sarnia Reserve has been subdivided by survey into lots, whenever any one of the young men desires to locate, the Indians in Council decide by vote as to which lot he may occupy, and the said aliens thereby argue that the action renders sufficient means by which they become the joint proprietors of the Reserve and the annuity moneys. Your Memorialists submit the following for your consideration as showing that such is not the case:—

First. The intention is for deciding as to which lot he or they may occupy, and can only be held for that purpose.

Second. It only provides means for preventing conflicting settlements and the consequent strife, and cannot be held as rendering admission to the said aliens to become the joint proprietors of the Reserve.

Third. It does not render a gift of the land, because Indians occupying land never reduced it to personal enjoyment as a separate individual estate or property.

Fourth. The aliens have exercised votes on the matter and theirs cannot be legal because they have no lands on the Reserve to give, having in the first instance not been admitted to become the joint proprietors thereof.

Fifth. If it should be held sufficient to render a complete gift of the land, it places in the power of any one to dispose his or her lot to any person he pleases, contrary to the usual mode in which lands are held and disposed of among the Indians, and also takes away the lands without any compensation whatever from the Walpole Indians which they have never relinquished.

13. That some women, originally belonging to the Sarnia Band, are married to some of the said aliens, and instead of acting upon the principle which prevails among other Tribes, and which was pursued by the Superintendent, Mr. R. Mackenzie, on the 2nd of November last, when inquiring and deciding as to who should be entitled to share in the annuity realized by the sale of the Bear Creek Indian Reserve on River Sydenham, that any Indian woman marrying an Indian belonging to another Band shall cease to be a member of her own Band and shall become a member of the Band to whom her husband belongs, and shall forfeit her interest and title to the annuity belonging to her own Band, and shall be entitled to share that of the Band of whom she becomes a member by marriage. Your Memorialists, to manifest their liberality and good disposition on account of their women, will set apart a certain sum out of their annuity with which the Government may open an account with them, provided they prefer remaining in Canada.

14. That your Memorialists, for your consideration, submit the following for providing a residence for the said aliens:—

First. That upon reference to the Deeds or Treaties of cessions of lands adjacent to Walpole Island, respectively made in the year 1822, 1827 and 1790, no mention of said Island is made, nor is it situated within the boundaries thereof, and therefore it could not be set apart for any particular Tribe.

Second. That, as appears from records after the conclusion of the last war with the United States, it was, as also the Manitoulin Island specially set apart to be the home of Indians who might have forfeited the lands in the States, for taking up arms with the British against that country.

Third. That said Island being not, as aforesaid, within the said cession of 1827, could not form a part of the Tract ceded in that year, and therefore could not and cannot belong to that portion of your Memorialists residing thereon.

15. That having no title to the said Island, and having ample room for their residence on their own lands so reserved within the said cession, therefore they now come to the conclusion to vacate the Island by removing to the Sarnia Reserve, and will thus necessarily give room for the residence of the said aliens should they wish to remove and settle thereon. By this no injury can be inflicted upon them, as on this Island there are two churches and two schools, which would be conducive to

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