

his own knowledge, one white man named Paxton, obtained a long lease of the said Fighting Island from the Chief Wawasum and other Indians belonging to the Indians of Walpole Island, but who were living in Miamies, about thirty eight years ago, with Chief Wasanaunquot and Band Indians belonging to the United States.

Supplementary Affidavit of Kiyoshk, made the 18th day of September, 1867.

States,—That he himself lived at Malden for many years when a youth, and to his own knowledge, the Chippeway, Pottawatomy and Ottawa Nations did live and reside in and in the neighborhood of the Hunting Grounds. That he was acquainted with the following Ottawa Chiefs, as also other Chiefs and principal men:—Wanishquy and Onagan died in the vicinity of Sandusky, Egouichway on Walpole Island, Maugichway at Miamies. That he remembers when the Wyandotts acknowledged that they were not the rightful owners of the said Hunting Ground, by keeping themselves strictly to a small block on the Northern part of the said Hunting Ground, being, as he always understood, the portion of the land they were allowed to occupy by the above named three Nations. That Wah-be-bau-toonce, a white man, who married one of the Wyandott Indian women, was the first who disobeyed the Chiefs of the said three Nations by not keeping himself to the said small Block, but settling on the portion claimed by the said three Nations, and his inviting the Wyandotts, they followed his example. Hence the whole of the said Hunting Ground was subsequently claimed by them.

Affidavit of Thomas Buckwheat, made on the 13th day of August, 1867.

States,—That he belongs to the Chippeway Nation. Is about fifty-four years of age, and does not remember of ever seeing any of the Chiefs whose names appear in the Instrument marked P, but that he was acquainted with many of the Chiefs, and from them he learned that the Huron Reservation was reserved to be owned and held in common by the Chippeway, Pottawatomy and Ottawa Nations endeavored to enter into an agreement with the Wyandotts as to the disposal of the Huron Reservation, but the said Wyandotts, being anxious to have the whole Tract under their control, applied to Wah-be-bau-toonce, a white man of considerable influence, for assistance, who took sides and interfered in their behalf, and in consequence no agreement was made. To his own knowledge, Chief Wawasum and Wawishquy, his deponent's Brother, with other Indians belonging to the Indians of Walpole Island, but who at that time were living in Miamies, Ohio, with Chief Wasanaunquot, delivered, about thirty-eight years ago, to Thomas Paxton, a long lease of the Fighting Island. That he never knew nor heard of the Bois Blanc Island being ever surrendered or leased to the Government, or to any other individual. That he never knew nor heard of any inquiry being made by any of the Indian Agents in year 1856 or at any other time respecting the Fighting Island.