

when I understood that I should have a preference in purchasing the 200 acres comprised in the lot.

It now appears that according to Mr. Bruce's late survey that this land is found to belong to the tract of the Indian Reservation and forms lot No 16 in the 17th Con; and that my name is placed upon the map as possessor.

The lot is said to contain $49\frac{1}{2}$ acres of which about 20 acres are cleared - the soil is light and sandy part of it thickly covered with stones and part of it broken by wet swells.

I have several times applied to Mr. Colquhoun our Indian Agent with a view to acquire a proper title to this land, and he has referred me to you. I beg therefore that you will take my peculiar case into consideration, and on account of the large sum which I have already paid for the land as well as my then ignorance of its belonging to the Indian Lands as well as my disappointment in