

a perfect nuisance to us as we cannot successfully contend against them coming from such a fruitful source

What little timber is left on the Reserve is being continually taken away by parties coming from the Town of Sarnia who claim to have authority for taking it though there is not enough left to fence a quarter of the Reserve if cleared

The Indians derive but little support from the few acres they partially cultivate and the whole of the rest of this fine tract of land is utterly useless to them and has become a nuisance to the surrounding neighbourhood while there are several poor Indians consisting of some ten families on the Reserve dependant upon charity and were it not for the assistance some of them have received from ourselves and others they would actually have starved, though living on what should be a mine of wealth to them.

This condition of affairs has been going on for a long time and instead of improving seems to be getting worse

Your Petitioners would therefore humbly request you to cause this land to be cleared, cleaned and improved by granting leases