Upper Canada

George the Third

by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Know Ye that whereas the Attachment and Fidelity of the Chiefs Warriors and People of the Six Nations to Us and Our Government has been made manifest on divers Occasions by their generous and [illegible] Exertions and by the Purity of their Conduct and We being Desirous of shewing our approbation of the zeal and [illegible] of the loyal they have evinced of providing a convenient Tract of Land upon Our Protection [illegible] for them and their Posterity We of Our special Grace certain Knowledge and mere motion given and granted and by these Presents Do Give and Grant to the Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the said Six Nations and their Heirs for ever All that Tract or Territory of Land being Parcel of a certain District lately purchased by Us of the Mississague Nation lying and being in the Home District of Our Province of Upper Canada beginning at the Mouth of a certain River formerly known by the name of the Ouse or Grand River now called the River Ouse where it empties itself into Lake Erie and running along the Banks of the said River for the space of Six Miles on each shore of the said River or a space equal to extensive therewith reasonably to a certain survey made of the said Tract of Land and annexed to these Presents and continuing along the said River to a Place called or known by the Name of the Forks and from thence along the main Stream of the said River for the space of Six Miles on each shore of the said Stream or for a Space equally extensive therewith as shall be set out by a Survey to be made of the same to the utmost Extent of the said River as far as the same has been purchased by us and as the same is bounded and limited in a certain Deed made to Us by the Chiefs and People of the said Mississague Nation bearing Date the Twenty Second Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine To Have and To Hold the said Tract or Territory of Land to be used and enjoyed by Us Our Heirs and Successors to them the Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the said Nation and for the said Use and Purpose [illegible] Free Clear and Entirely of and from all and all manner of Rents Fines and Services whatever to be rendered by them or any them to Us or Our Successors for the same And of and from all Conditions Stipulations and Agreements whatever except as hereinafter by Us expressed and declared Giving and Granting and by these Presents confirming to the said Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the said Six Nations and their heirs the full and entire Possession Use and Benefit and Advantage of the said Tract or Territory to be held and enjoyed by them in the most free and ample manner and according to the several Customs and Usages of them the said Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the said Six Nations Provided always and be it understood to be the true intent and meaning of these Presents that for the purpose of assuring the said Lands as aforesaid to the said Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the Six Nations and their heirs and of securing to them the free and undisturbed Possession and Enjoyment of the same It is Our Royal Will and Pleasure that no Transfer Alienation Conveyance Sale Gift Exchange Lease or Possession shall at any time be had made or given of the said Tract or Territory or any Part or Parcel thereof by any of the said Chiefs Warriors Women or People to any other Nation or Body of People Person or Persons whatever other than among themselves the said Chiefs Warriors Women and People but that any such Transfer Alienation Conveyance Sale Gift Exchange Lease or Possession shall be null and void and of no Effect whatever And that no Person or Persons shall Possess or Occupy the said District or Territory or any part or Parcel thereof by or under Pretence of any such other Title or Conveyance as aforesaid or by or under any Pretence whatever under Pain of our severe Displeasure And that in case any Person or Persons other than the said Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the said Six Nations shall under pretence of any such Title as aforesaid presume to possess or occupy the said Tract or any part or parcel thereof that it shall and may be lawful for Us our Heirs and Successors at any time hereafter to enter upon the lands so occupied and dispossess the Person or Persons other than the People of the said Six Nations and their Heirs the said Intruders thereof and therefrom wholly to dispossess and oust and to remove the Part or Parcel so occupied to Ourselves our Heirs and Successors Provided always that if at any time the said Chiefs Warriors Women and People of the said Six Nations should be inclined to dispose of and surrender their Title and Interest in the said District or Territory or any part thereof the same shall be purchased for Us our Heirs and Successors at some public Meeting or assembly of the Chiefs Warriors and People of the said Six Nations to be holden for that purpose by the Governor Lieutenant Governor or Person administering our Government in our Province of Upper Canada In Testimony whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness his Excellency John Graves Simcoe Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Colonel commanding our Forces in our said Province Given at our Government House at Niagara this fourteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three in the Thirty Third Year of our Reign

By Command

Jno. Scott Secy.