

Pictou N.S. March 3rd 1886

The Hon

Supt. General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir: Some time ago I think in the early part of last year I submitted to the Dept. the request of the chief and his Indians, in Dist. No. 8, for the purchase of a piece of land in that Dist. containing about thirty acres, then owned by Mr Copeland now by Mr Robert Fraser, and the plan of which can be obtained from Mr John McLean M.P. at Ottawa. The purchase of this land was considered necessary for its fuel and fence poles. In reply to this request the Dept. asked my own opinion as to the necessity of this purchase. I deferred at the time for want of sufficient info.

This year again the request is renewed and I beg to state to the Dept. that my opinion that the purchase of this piece of land would be most desirable both for fuel and fence poles, and would save considerable annoyance loss to the white settlers in the immediate neighborhood, by the encroachment of the Indians on their properties.

If the Dept. will decide upon buying Mr Dall, M.P. will be able to give the information as to price, boundaries &c.

I have the honor to be
Yours obedt servt

Richard's papers
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