

could any alteration therein  
 be effected without an  
 absolute breach of faith  
 by Government, as the  
 Indians now receive  
 large quantities of goods  
 in payments for lands  
 returned or sold to the  
 Crown, would any diminu-  
 tion in the species  
 of Presents to them prove  
 positively detrimental  
 or deprive them of their  
 necessary support and  
 comfort.

Deductions are made, at the trifling &  
 my intention is to continue it, in those  
 articles that are not included in the Schedule  
 of acquisitions, these being fixed by Great  
 Britain & done and interfere with them.

A very small proportion of the Western  
 Indians receive goods in payment for lands  
 ceded to the Crown after only on the Point  
 Thomas, the greater payments being made  
 to the Chippewas at the post of York  
 at the post of York & annual payment to the  
 merchants at the Bay de Quinte, the quantity  
 now becoming smaller all round them, and  
 their hunting destroyed, I should conceive the  
 loss of their presents would be severely felt  
 by them as they are more ignorant  
 of the value of the land than any of the  
 other Tribes, yet I think some deduction  
 might be made from the Presents, altho  
 the Crown received an equivalent for the  
 goods given in payment.