

either side of that appropriate natural centre for a distance of six miles—pursued, from source to mouth, the prolonged and devious course of the Grand River—a distance of 100 miles, or more.

Beside the margin of what was, hereabouts, a once eligible waterway for commerce ; and which serves as their avenue of communication with the whites' domain on the north, may now be seen, resting cosily—whilst appealing to the gaze as mere dots upon the landscape—many of the natives' tiny, crudely-built homesteads. Equidistant are these, or nearly so, one from another ; and posted—mute sentinels of the shore—in prim array, in regular succession along the bank, for miles ; while, on the summits of relieving headlands—picturesque, though of moderate altitude—others may be found strikingly and daringly perched.

The land was, in the early part of the century, ceded by its holders to the existing Government ; but the surrender, which was the outcome of a treaty, was not—as to the whole quantity embraced—an absolute one, there being a reservation in its terms that the Indians should retain—this to be partly within the area covered—territory that should be adequate in extent, and be, otherwise, well-suited for the purposes of residence ; and their