

CHAPTER XX.

DEEDS WITHHELD.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT REFUSE TO REDRESS CHIEF
SAWYER'S LOSSES, AND WITHHOLD HIS DEEDS
—CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE WITHHELD—
PETITIONS PARLIAMENT—REV. C. VAN DUSEN'S
LETTER TO J. HOGAN, ESQ., M.P.P.

THE Department not only declined doing anything in the case of Chief Sawyer, by way of remunerating him for the heavy losses he had sustained through the unfair proceedings of those who managed the affairs of the Indians; but they retained his *Indian Deeds*, enclosed with the Petition to his Excellency by Mr. Van Dusen.

It really was insulting to Chief Sawyer's feelings to have his just and reasonable claims treated with neglect and contempt; but to this insult was added an injury by not returning his Deeds,—documents which had been forwarded to show the justice of his claims.

It was a hardship to be deprived of his land; but to be robbed also of his Deeds and documents, in the way he was, is an outrage upon every principle of justice and honour.

These Deeds are still withheld by Government. Neither the chief nor any of his friends have been able to recover them!