

2nd—We were severally members of the Council “assembled and held at the Sarnia reserve shortly, after the arrival in Sarnia of the American Indians, who, at the invitation of the British Government, came over to Canada, about the year (1837) one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven. At said council it was decided that these said American Indians, and their descendants, should be considered as belonging to our Band, and they should be entitled to participate in the land allotted and the annuity given by British Government to the owners of the said reserve.” Some of the Indians who crossed over at said town, in the above year, now reside at Walpole Island, and Kettle Point, and the Sauble in the County of Lambton, but by the act of the above Council, they are entitled to a share of the lands and annuity.

3rd—Whenever anything is done, or any decision arrived at, at any sessions of Council of Indians duly assembled for the purpose, the same is considered final and binding, and we severally considered the one then given in respect to our Brother Indians to be so.

4th—We have respectively heard that a petition is now being presented to the British Government, in which certain allegations are stated, and representations made regarding these American Indians, and that the same are made for the purpose of depriving the said American Indians of what we have always deemed to be their rights, and we severally say that such allegations are false and representations erroneous, and that the said American Indians would be most wrongfully treated, were they in anyway deprived of the privileges and rights given them by the Act of Council above mentioned.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the statements above made by us, could be supported and verified by at least fifty other members of our said tribe.

Sworn before me in the Town of Sarnia, in the County of Lambton, this First day of August, A. D., 1871, having been first duly interpreted by Able Wancaush and fully explained to the said deponents respectively, who severally made their marks thereto in my presence, and having appeared to perfectly understand the same; the said Abel Wancaush having been sworn first only to interpret.

GEORGE RUSSELL,

Reeve for the Town of Sarnia, and Justice of the Peace for the County of Lambton.

His
NICHOLAS X PLAIN.
Mark.

His
WILLIAM X ISAAC.
Mark.

His
THOS. X NAYAHNAQUOD.
Mark.

County of Lambton. } I, Thomas Kahbenaw, of the Sarnia Indian Reserve,
to wit: } in the County of Lambton, and Province of Ontario,
make oath and say:

1st—I know the nature and meaning of an oath, and the purpose for which the present one is taken.

2nd—At the present time I am about eighty years of age. After the close of the American war of 1812 the British Government extended an invitation to those American Indians who had sympathized with the British and assisted them during that war, to come over to Canada, and they, the British Government, would repay and compensate them for the aid and assistance so given, and I, among other Indians who chiefly came from in and about the City of Saginaw in the State of Michigan, accepted the said invitation. On the arrival of myself and said other Indians in Canada, which