

course. The Crown having parted with the Estate has not in all probability any further control in the premises, and it may be found especially incompetent to revoke existing and to declare new trusts. On these legal points the Law Officers should be consulted.

I do not consider the late provincial act applicable to the Grand River Tract, that property has long since been equitably disposed of at least, and does not come within the spirit of the Statute.

The River Credit Indians

Of course whatever arrangements may be finally adopted respecting the Indian Tribes will include the Credit Reserve. How much of it has been sold by Government, and what remains cannot be stated without the necessary returns. The small tracts at the mouth of the 12 and 16 Mile Creeks, as marked in the sketch, have it is believed been also disposed of.

I am surprised that no trace can be found of the origin of the abatement/£50/ in the annuity, for it can hardly be ascribed to mere inadvertence, but in the absence of any thing to justify a reduction the Indians are of course entitled to the full amount, and the present arrears of £750 should be made good. Mr. Jarvis, however, reports them to be indebted nearly £600 on Harbour Stock. Whether this investment is more advantages than in the Grand River Navigation, I cannot say. I understand it yields a profit. Still it seems to have absorbed the annuity and to have plunged the Indians into debt and the propriety of devoting the annuity to a speculation of this kind, instead of paying over the money to the parties entitled, may well be questioned unless such appropriation be made with their free assent.

The papers do not enable me to explain clearly, the
arrangements