

Indians to pay the claims of the Settlers and other expenses will be totally lost. The improvements of the Settlers will in the course of three years become in a worse state for cultivation, than when they were in their original wild state. It is said that the Indians are prevented by a few interested parties, from understanding what their real interests are. All they know is, that they surrendered, and the Government sold large tracts of their lands; but, as they say, they never derived one dollar's benefit from the transaction, and they conclude, that it would be the same if the rest were sold. £25,000 of their money was invested in Grand River Navigation Stock, which it is believed does not pay expenses, far less give any return. An application, Your Memorialist has been informed, was made recently for a loan of £10,000, out of their Funds for an equally unprofitable investment. If such be the mode of managing their money, it is no wonder that they exclaim against any further sale of their property. The manner it is said, in which the assent or dissent of the Indian Chiefs is obtained to any proposition for a loan or otherwise, is through the dollar talisman, and it has been said, that when any business is to be done with the Chiefs, that they expect to be paid a sum of money when called upon, to support any measure. Your Memorialist does not vouch for the truth of this, but that such has been the common expressed opinion of parties living in the neighbourhood of these Indians for years past.

Your Memorialist has had some conversation with Captain Anderson, head of the Indian Department, at Toronto; formerly in charge of the Indians, settled on the Manitoulin Islands, Lake Huron, when he informed Your Memorialist, that he had for a number of years been recommending the entire removal of the Indians to Lake Huron, and that the Government were favourably disposed to encourage