

terms of the deed of Surrender, and Mr. Dumais was instructed to that effect. The alteration of the line from A. B. to C. D. as shown on the sketch sent to your Department on the 29th February last, was at the instance of the Indians themselves, who, although the sections lying between the two lines A. B. and C. D. were within the tract surrendered by them, refused to permit Mr. Dumais to make the survey according to the terms of the deed of Surrender, on the ground that the southern line (A. B.) ran through the Indian Settlement, cutting off, from the Reserve, lands on which the Indians had built houses and made improvements.

You will therefore see that the statement in the letter of this Department of the 13th February was correct, namely, that if the survey made by Mr. Dumais were not accepted, and a survey according to instructions based on the deed of Surrender were insisted upon, lands upon which the Indians were already settled, to wit, the sections lying between the two lines A. B. and C. D. would according to the terms