

York Sept. 25th 1823.

Sir

Yesterday evening I was much surprised to see at my back door three or twenty Chippewas, and when I enquired where they came from, & what their business was, they answered they came from the River Thames & Big Bear Creek, that they were extremely hungry and must have something to eat and they would tell me their business. I gave them a Hog & some Flour, I then told them the danger they were in coming to York, for the small Pox was in almost every house, they were much alarmed & said they would not go to town. I then sent my son to the commanding Officer requesting him to have the goodness to come to my house that we might learn their business the same night.