

## Appendix, No. 4.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at a Council held at the *New Credit* Indian Settlement, in  
*Tuscarora*, on Saturday the 7th July 1855.

1. Present:—Mr. Chesley, on the part of the Department; Mr. D. Thorburn, Local Superintendent; Chief Peter Jones, Chief Sawyer.

## (EXTRACT.)

The Council was opened by prayer and a hymn, after which Mr. Chesley, being introduced by Mr. Thorburn, addressed the Council in a speech.

2. Chief Sawyer replied at considerable length, concluding with the following words: "Since you ask us to state our wishes, I trust I will not be deemed unreasonable in expressing the hope that our great mother the Queen may be pleased to re-consider the stoppage of our presents, which we always considered were promised to us and our posterity as long as a remnant of us remained; but perhaps we are wrong, and that no such promise was made. Our aged and more destitute people feel keenly the loss of their blanket. The young and hearty may work for and earn clothing, but the other classes I have described cannot. We desire to convey to the ears of our kind Father at Quebec, through you, our heartfelt thanks for the interest he takes in our welfare, and to pray that he will use his influence to procure the continuance of the presents to our poor and aged people for a few years longer."

3. Chief Peter Jones, after consulting with his people a few minutes, during which all present raised their right hands in token of approval, stepped forward, and addressed Mr. Chesley and Mr. Thorburn as follows:

4. "We are informed that our mother the Queen, across the wide water, is engaged in a bloody war with a powerful adversary, and that already much blood has been shed, and many precious lives lost. We cannot raise the tomahawk in her assistance as we would do if the fight were on our borders. But we may be permitted to raise our hearts in fervent prayer to the great Spirit above, invoking his blessing on the head of our beloved Queen, and crowning her arms with success in the perilous conflict. We sympathize deeply with the bereaved widows and orphans of the brave men who have fallen by disease and by the sword in this fearful war; and in proof of the sincerity of our hearts, we desire that the sum of 25*l*. may be taken from our annuity fund, and forwarded to the proper quarter, as our contribution towards the Patriotic Fund."

5. Mr. Chesley thanked them in the name of their father, the Governor-general, for their unanimous expression of loyal feelings, and their generous and liberal contribution towards the Patriotic Fund.

The Council was then closed.

## Appendix, No. 5.

Consists of an Extract from Mr. *Oliphant's* Report, commencing at paragraph beginning "It is impossible," at page 6, and ending at the words, "nine remaining tribes, 1,100*l*," at page 8.