

## THE MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable Joseph Howe, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs; &c.; &c.

The Memorial of that part of the Chippeway Nation of Indians, some of whom residing on the Sarnia Reserve and others on Walpole Island, humbly sheweth;

1. That on the 10th day of July, 1827, the said Nation ceded, by a Deed to the Crown, which they then inhabited and claimed, a large tract of land comprising the London and Westminster Districts for a perpetual annuity of eleven hundred pounds.

2. That they continued as one and the same people until about the year 1831, when the late Mr. Wm. Jones was instructed to collect them on the Sarnia Reserve. Some consented and others declined, preferring to settle on Walpole Island; thus they became two Bands, but they continued to participate equally in the said annuity until the year 1848, when they divided it into two parts, but the lands reserved within the cession were neither then nor at any time either previous or after that date had ever been a matter of partition between them, as will appear upon reference to the written agreement marked "A." and the Affidavits of Joshua Wawanosh, William Kokosh, William Yahnoodt, Benjamin Brigham, Jacob Kiyoshk and Joseph Wawanosh, respectively marked B, C, D, E, F and G, referred to and accompanying the Memorial.

3. That the partition was unfair and not effected according to the usages and laws of the Indians, as was fully shown in the Memorial dated the 29th March, 1869, and signed by Wm. N. Fisher, in behalf of the Walpole Island Band, and the Government being convinced of the fact made a transfer of an additional sum of Four Hundred Dollars per annum from the funds of the Sarnia Band to that of the Band of Walpole Island, thus abrogating the said written agreement marked "A," and the same has not been renewed.

4. That under the Deed or Treaty, dated the 10th July, 1827, as aforesaid, the said annuity and the lands so reserved within the cession aforesaid were not otherwise appropriated than for their common and mutual benefit, numbering at that period, four hundred and forty individual Indians; but the said Walpole Island Band feel a deep sense of injustice in consequence of their share which fell to them under the agreement marked "A," aforesaid, being far in the decrease ratio, and especially for being denied of the benefit of participating in the late subsequent sales of a part of the lands on the Sarnia Reserve, which sales have augmented the funds of the Sarnia Band.

5. That the Walpole Island Band, under the Memorial dated the 29th day of March, 1869, aforesaid, made application to be allowed to participate in the interest moneys of the proceeds of the late subsequent sales aforesaid, deeming themselves to have more and better title to receive benefit therefrom than the aliens who reside on the Sarnia Reserve with the Sarnia Band, and who annually receive the said moneys, but their application having not been granted, therefore the two Bands in Council assembled in the Council House, on the Sarnia Reserve, on