

George Lewis Esq  
Supt. Indian Affairs } York 1<sup>st</sup> March 1830  
Amherstburgh } Sir!

I am directed by  
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to  
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and in reply to acquaint  
you, that His Excellency desires you  
will not give Presents to any Indians  
residing in the Province: because they  
will be forwarded to them to the place  
of their usual residence.

That the  
Indians coming from the United States  
are to receive their Presents in the Month  
of June as explained by His Excellency  
to you last Autumn: But should any  
Tribe proceed to Amherstburgh before that  
period, they are to receive their Presents,  
notwithstanding they have not conformed  
to the Orders circulated on that subject.

Have the honor to be &c.  
Signed) General S. D.

J. Mudge Esq  
Secy to York } York 27<sup>th</sup> March 1830  
Sir,

I beg leave to  
acquaint you for the information  
of His Excellency the Lt. Governor  
that during the Administration  
of d<sup>th</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Gore, two small buildings  
were erected in the Military Reserve  
for the accommodation of an Interpreter  
and

and Black Smith of the Indian Department,  
as well as for the Indians frequenting the  
Post. In the year 1822 those situations were  
discontinued and the Buildings have subsequently  
been occupied as follows

The Smith's dwelling  
and Shop by John Patrick who obtained a  
proprietor's license of an Authority in  
being received to employ a Black  
Smith to do the Indian's Work and to charge  
the items in half yearly Accounts, and  
it was then believed the advantages derivable  
from occupying the premises exempt from  
Rent would enable him to do the Work at  
a cheaper rate than could be otherwise  
afforded, in this I was disappointed as he  
proved unequal to the duty, and was  
obliged to employ a regular Black Smith;  
who charged at the highest rate, therefore  
I felt it my duty to employ another.  
But he still retains possession of the  
Public quarter

The other building  
is in the occupancy of a poor Canadian  
family who have been found useful by  
affording accommodation fuel and  
cooking utensils to the Indians; and  
when this House was so unaccommodated  
as to oblige some of the Indians to seek  
a covering else where Patrick though  
fully apprised of the circumstance  
refused to receive them a horse to  
allow their Horses to graze in the  
enclosure attached to the house

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