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Indian Office
Kingston 18th October 1843

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.
with reference to the Erection of a
Church & School House, for the
use of the Indians inhabiting Walpole
Island, and of a Residence for the
Missionary.

With respect to the Con-
-cluding paragraph of your letter
namely "His Excellency desires to
"be informed upon what ground
"the Walpole Island Indians claim
"a right to its exclusive Appropriation
(over the Lower Reserve) without
"reference to the Title of the Government
"of their Title to obtain it" I have
to remark, that by the Treaty
entered into between the Prov.
Government and the Chippewa
Indians claiming and inhabiting
the Western part of Canada
West, by which the Government
acquired 2,756,960 acres of land

Baron W. Dawson V