

Substance of Statement of  
Caughnawaga Chiefs, given in  
this 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1874.

To  
Hon. David Laird  
Minister of the Interior,

Sir,  
The Indian Agent  
Caughnawaga informs the  
that our land is to be  
subdivided. The Chiefs therefore  
send us as Delegates to enquire  
into the matter; and to ascertain  
if that provision will be better  
for the management of our  
affairs, than what we shall  
decide upon.

12. We borrowed the sum of  
\$75 from Mr. Joseph Peliste,  
to have the bush guarded by  
Warriors, to prevent the drawing  
of wood out of the Reserve.  
We paid them as follows:— [names  
given] \$59.<sup>50</sup> for the first week;  
and this had to be continued  
for two weeks.

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part  
Chief.  
The Reserve is not  
divided into lots  
but it has been  
to serving the  
The Indians to  
Swampy lands to  
may be a  
with regular  
time  
this

The amount required  
defray  
may be paid by  
Agent  
in favour of  
land