

Indian Office
Manitowaning December 2. 1876

Mr Bryan
Township of Sandfield

Sir
I have been informed that you have wilfully
destroyed ^{valuable} timber on the 9410 in the
"Lower" Township of Sandfield with the
avowed purpose of preventing ^{it being cut by} Men. Ret
hym & Co who have the right under license
from the Indian Department to cut timber
on all unsold lands in that Township
and, also upon all lands which had not
been settled upon and improve on
the 4th November last, (the date of their
license.) I therefore have to ^{say} to
you, that while you have a right to
cut timber for building to be used on
the land in question, any ^{or badly} wanton
destruction of the trees upon the land

will not be permitted, and you will if
you continue such acts lay yourself
open to a prosecution for malicious damage.

Yours obedt. Servt
J. C. Phipps. —
Indian Agent