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Shepiandah - Ont
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Secretary of Indian Affairs
Ottawa - Canada



Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 6th inst., having reference to one I wrote on the 22nd ulto. regarding the reported surrender of timber on the Lake French River Reserve by the Indians - or some of them - pursuant upon that Reserve. In which you attempt to ^{clearly} define my position regarding the matter. In further reference to the matter I have respectfully to ask. When the transfer of our rights and titles to this Reserve were made? and who at the present time occupies the position of Chief to these Indians?

By consulting the Robinson Treaty, you will see that on Sep 9th in the year 1850, at Sault Ste Marie Ontario. An agreement was entered into with the Ojibway Indians of Lake Huron. Conveying certain lands to the Crown and in which agreement - which is signed by him - Chief Miskegungwa. in article III "Miskegungwa and his band two miles on the Lake Huron, east and west of Ojawa-menong, by one mile inland" This has reference to French River. Then again contained in the article of an Agreement and Convention made and concluded at Manitowaning on the Great Manitowaning Island on the 6th day of October 1862 between the Honorable William M. Dwyer and William Spragg Esq. on the part of the Crown of the 1st part and the Indian Chiefs and principal