

Mr. Supt. Anderson.

Indian Office  
Toronto 16 May 1851.

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Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant I am directed to state that the Governor General is not of opinion that the practice of holding general Councils of the Members of different Tribes is one that should be encouraged among the Indians. The affairs of each Tribe are regulated by its own Council and such assemblages as that to which the Chiefs John Assame and Peter Gadsaggonis refer in their letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant must tend to withdraw them from more profitable pursuits and to lead to unnecessary expense among them. In calling upon the Chiefs as you propose for a formal requisition you will inform them that it must be accompanied by a statement of the purposes for which the Council is summoned as His Excellency is unable to sanction their application without first receiving full and satisfactory information on that head.

I have  
signed / R. Bruce  
Supt. Genl.

S. Brough Esq<sup>r</sup>Indian Office  
Toronto 16 May 1851.

Sir,

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant which reached me yesterday and feel bound to state that the Department has some reason to complain of Mr. Gilkinson's delay in answering my letter to Mr. Hornburn of the 11<sup>th</sup> February last. Having carefully perused your communication I remain of opinion that the Department cannot alter its uniform course of procedure with reference to the reception of assignments in such cases or take any steps either in the shape of investigation or of questioning a reference in the matter to the Courts of Law or Equity except under the advice of the Attorney General - and further as the Indians have no pecuniary interest in the question that such advice should be taken at the cost of Mr. Gilkinson's client who even supposing his allegations to be correct is suffering from the consequences of his own neglect. Should Mr. Gilkinson authorize a response to be made

made to the Attorney General on the terms named in my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> of February last. I shall of course lay your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant before him together with the other papers.

I have  
signed / R. Bruce  
Supt. Genl.

S. Brough Esq<sup>r</sup>Indian Office  
Toronto 17 May 1851.

Sir,

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With reference to my letter of yesterday's date I beg to inform you that I have this day received from Mr. Hornburn a letter addressed to him by Mr. M. Gilkinson with drawing the application made on behalf of J. Slater to stay the issue of a Patent for the Lot in dispute between him and C. Nish and assigned by the latter to William Demear.

I have  
signed / R. Bruce  
Supt. Genl.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Attorney General  
J. G. P.Indian Office  
Toronto 19 May 1851.

Sir,

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17 May 1851

I am directed by the Governor General to transmit to you the accompanying extract from a letter addressed to me by Mr. Nish in reference to the Hawkesbury and Amiskewic Lands which were made over by Mr. John Blaw to certain Trustees for the benefit of the 6 Nations of Indians. I further enclose copies of a letter and its enclosures from Mr. Supt. Anderson stating that Writs of Ejectment in the name of Mr. W. S. Dickson and his wife have been served upon parties settled on those lands and holding under this Department, and with reference to these documents have to request that you will advise what steps should be taken by the Department in the premises.

I have  
signed / R. Bruce  
Supt. Genl.