

by these presents, do demise, grant and to farm let unto the said Thomas McKee, his executors or assigns, for, and during the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, and fully to be completed and ended. To parcel out the said Island into such lots or parcels as he may think proper, and tenant the same with whatsoever and whomsoever they please to put thereon. Yielding and paying therefor yearly and every year during the said term unto the said Chiefs and Sachems of the Chippeway and Ottawa Nations, their heirs and assigns, three bushels of Indian Corn or the value thereof, if demanded, annually, to and for the use of the said Chiefs and Sachems, their Nations, heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant that the said Thomas McKee's heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, may demise, grant or sell any part or parcel of the said Island for the term herein specified.

In witness whereof, &c., at Detroit, the first day of May, in the year, &c., 1783

(COPY OF THE LEASE OF FIGHTING ISLAND.)

This Indenture, made the thirtieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, between the Head Chiefs of the Ottawas, Chippeways and Pottawatomies Nations, residing at the Miamies River, of the one part, and Thomas Paxton, of the Town of Sandwich, in the Western District, and Province of Upper Canada, gentleman, of the other part; witnesseth that the said Head Chiefs, in consideration of five shillings to them paid at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, by the said Thomas Paxton, as of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, on the part and behalf of the said Thomas Paxton, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all that parcel of land situate in the River Detroit, in the County of Essex, and Province aforesaid, about midway between the Town of Sandwich and the Town of Amherstburgh, commonly called and known by the name of Fighting Island, or Isle aux Dindes, (called by the French, Grosse Isle aux Dindes), containing by computation about twelve hundred acres; together with all and singular, the appurtenances, either of woods, fisheries or other privileges of whatsoever nature belonging to, and connected with, the said Island. To have and to hold all and singular the said premises above mentioned, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said Thomas Paxton, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, from the day of the date hereof, for, and during the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, thence next and immediately ensuing, and fully to be completed and ended. Yielding and paying therefor, from, and immediately after the commencement of the said term, and during the continuance thereof, unto the said Head Chiefs, or their representatives, or assigns, the rent of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings, currency, of the Province aforesaid, at the Town of Amherstburgh, in said Province, on and upon the first day of December in each year. And the said Head Chiefs, for themselves and their representatives, do hereby covenant to cancel and do hereby cancel all former leases that may have been made by them or other Chiefs of the said Ottawas, Chippeways and Pottawatomies Nations to all and every other person or persons whomsoever, and they do further covenant with the said Thomas Paxton, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns by these presents, that the said Thomas Paxton, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns shall, and may at all times during the said term hereby granted, by and under the