

The Department will find on file along with my letter of date the 4th November 1893, a document signed by certain Chief of the Chippewa band of the Thames as to the surrender of the land in 1881. If the Department considers a new deed necessary in case of leasing, could one not be still filled in from the original surrender, and have executed in the usual manner. If this would still answer the purpose, I am of opinion it could be signed by Indians who were in Council in 1881 when the surrender was made. Indeed, that was one of the objections used some two weeks ago against a surrender, viz that it was surrendered before and was not again necessary. I must give this as a suggestion