

(R. 433 of 1843)

June 8th, 1843.

I have communicated the substance of the memorandum transmitted to me by Order of His Excellency the Governor General with reference to the Petition of the Chief Jacob Crane to have leave to remove from his present place of residence to the Scugog Lake, to him.

He informed me in reply that his young men were determined upon leaving the Balsam Lake, and if he were not permitted to purchase the lots selected in the Township of Cartwright they would disperse and unite themselves to some of the Chippewa Bands more favorably located with regard to climate and soil.

His people on his return home insisted on his going back to Kingston to obtain from His Excellency a definite answer, <sup>they</sup> being unanimously of opinion that it was useless for them to attempt further to cultivate their present land to advantage. He states that their crops are frequently cut off by late frosts and when these do not occur their grain crops generally become rusty before they ripen, that the Potatoes grown there are unvariably small and the produce never large & abundant.

Under all the circumstances of the case and with the knowledge that the project of removing to a more eligible situation, has not been hastily adopted by them. I am disposed to recommend the prayer of the Petition to the favorable consideration of His Excellency.

The suggestion that a practical farmer should be engaged to reside among them, and assist in the cultivation of their land, he is of opinion would be of no service, as the land is decidedly bad.

He informs me that he was led to believe at Cobourg that the Lots he had pointed out in

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