

Treaty in which they surrender their lands to the Government will be good, and "valued in law," if signed by *any* few Indians, though the majority may be opposed to it!

Under these circumstances the Rev. C. Van Dusen was requested to petition the Government in Chief Sawyer's behalf, to allow him to hold the town lots in the survey, including his garden and buildings, in lieu of the forty-three acres for which he held an Indian Deed; and also, other town lots, in lieu of his three acre wharf lot, now surveyed and sold by auction at the sale of Indian land.

The Governor General was at this time absent from the province, and the Petition was therefore addressed to Sir William Eyre, Lieutenant Governor of Canada.

The following is a copy of the Petition forwarded by Mr. Van Dusen, together with the Indian Deeds, to show the justice of the claims urged:—

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM EYRE, K.C.B.,
LIEUT.-GENERAL, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, &c.

"The Petition of Conrad Van Dusen, of Newash, Owen Sound, humbly sheweth,

"THAT Chief David Sawyer, son of Joseph Sawyer, Chief of the River Credit Tribe of Indians, having been invited by the Owen Sound Band of Indians to settle among them; and having complied with their invitation, on their promise that