

(pointing to his Lordship) had already granted the prayer of the petition, by requesting the Governor of Upper Canada to give the Indians the title deeds they asked for. His Lordship bowed to Her Majesty, and she bowed in token of approbation of his Lordship's having granted the thing prayed for by her red children."

Notwithstanding the Governors of Canada have been directed by her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to give the Indians "title deeds" for farms of their own land, and the hope of obtaining deeds was one strong inducement to surrender their peninsula, in October, 1854, reserving of their territory only sufficient for farming purposes for their tribe; and notwithstanding the positive promise made at that time by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, that deeds should be given; yet up to this day we have no knowledge of an Indian, in any part of Canada, ever obtaining a deed for one foot of their own land.

And now, under the present administration, instead of carrying out the intention and instructions of Lord Glenelg, as sanctioned by Her Majesty the Queen, to give the Indians "title deeds," in the printed "Report of the Special Commissioners appointed to investigate Indian Affairs in Canada," published in 1858, it is stated that "the period has arrived when the Government should exercise authority; and in cases where the Indians obstinately refuse to accede to any terms of surrender, that gentle means of *coercion* be applied." Of course