

communication you have sent, and shall be happy at any time, to hear from you, and to attend to your orders.

I am in company with the Messrs. H. base, and Joseph Sels from the Grand River.

After remaining a few days in this city we intend to visit the city of Philadelphia in order to see the several religious institutions in those places; after which we will again return to this city, and so return home in May next.

Should you have any further communications to make to me while in this place, you can direct any letters at this city by Crosby St. where I can receive them between this and the first of May next.

I am Sir

Your most humble servant  
(Signed) Peter Jones

To

Capt. John Beach  
Supt. Indian Affairs  
Grand River.

The Petition of the Mesquiquia Indians settled at the River Credit.

To our Father the Hon. House of Assembly of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

Fathers

Your children who now petition to you, are a remnant of the great nations who owned and inhabited the country in which you now live, and make laws; the ground on which you and your children stand covers the bones of our fathers of many generations.

When your father came over the great waters we received them as friends, and gave them land to live upon. We have always been friends to our great Father the King and his white children. When the white men came they made us sick and drunken, and as they increased we grew less and less, till we are now very small.

We sold a great deal of land to our great Father the King, for very little, and we became poorer and poorer. We ceased all the hunting and fishing, but the white men became so many that they took all, when all the rest was gone we kept the Ahquahgway, 10 mile creek - Ahquahsing, 12 mile creek and Munemahogah, River Credit. The two first are gone from us, but we are wishing to keep the Credit, we received one mile on each side of the Credit where we now live.

About four years ago the Great Spirit sent to us good men with the great word the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and we became new people, we have thrown away our sins, we live in houses in a village, where we worship the Great Spirit, and learn his word.