

the north by the County of Simcoe. It sends, in conjunction, &c." In a note on a former page, a copy of the surrender of the Mississauga tract to the Crown has been given. In the subdivision of counties the proper signification of "riding," i. e., "thridding," third part, is ignored.]

York is about 43 deg. and 35 min. of north latitude, and is the present seat of Government of Upper Canada. It is most beautifully situated within an excellent harbour of the same name, made by a long peninsula which confines a basin of water sufficiently large to contain a considerable fleet. On the extremity of the peninsula, which is called Gibraltar Point, are commodious stores and block-houses, which command the entrance to the harbour. On the mainland, opposite to the point, is the garrison, situated in a fork made by the harbour and a small rivulet which, being improved by sluices, affords an easy access for boats to go up to the stores. The barracks being built on a knoll, are well situated for health, and command a delightful prospect of the lake to the west, and of the harbour to the east. The Government house is about two miles above the garrison, near the head of the harbour, and the town is increasing rapidly: the River Don empties itself into the harbour a little above the town, running through a marsh which when drained will afford most beautiful and fruitful meadows. This has already been commenced in a small degree, which will no doubt encourage further attempts. The long beach or peninsula, which affords a most delightful ride, is considered so healthy by the Indians that they resort to it whenever indisposed; and so soon as the bridge over the Don is finished, it will, of course, be most generally resorted to, not only for pleasure but as the most convenient road to the heights of Scarborough. The ground which has been prepared for the Government house is situated between the town and the River Don, on a most beautiful spot, the vicinity of which is well suited for gardens and a park. The oaks are in general large; the soil is excellent, and well watered with creeks, one

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sions lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under them or any of them. In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our marks and seals the day and year above written, having first heard this Instrument openly read and rehearsed in our own language, and fully approved by ourselves and our Nation

(Signed.) W. Claus, Dep Supt.-General, on behalf of the Crown. [L S]

Chechak, Queuepenon, Wabukanyne, Okemapenegse, Wabenose, Kebonacense, Osenege, Acheton. [Each has his totem traced.]

Present at the Execution and Delivery of this Instrument, and witnesses thereto: John Williams, Captain, 49th Regiment; John Brackenbury, Ensign, 49th Regiment; P. Selby, Assist. Secretary, I. A.; I. B. Rousseau.