

To our Great Mother Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of Great Britain,
 &c. &c. &c.

WE, your dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chippewa Indians of Lakes Huron and Simcoe, of Western Canada, in council assembled, at Rama this 8th day of July, A. D. 1859, beg leave to address your Most Gracious Majesty in behalf of our brethren, the tribes established at the lake of Two Mountains, who stated that they owned a large tract of land in the Ottawa and adjoining districts. A part of these lands has been surveyed and sold to the whites. They say that they have not at any time ceded any of their lands to the Crown; they say they are very poor.

We humbly pray that your most Gracious Majesty will take their cause into your serious consideration, as they think no more than just that they should receive some remuneration for their lands as well as their brethren of the lakes Huron and Simcoe tribes. The above-named lands have been their hunting grounds, their fathers, and forefathers. And we do further certify that the above-mentioned lands were owned by the said Indians, their fathers and forefathers.

We humbly pray that your Most Gracious Majesty will grant the prayer of our petition, and your petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray, for the blessing of the Great Spirit to rest upon you and your Royal Consort, his Excellency Prince Albert, and all the Royal family.

To his Excellency the Governor General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

WE, the Chippewa Indians belonging to the Cape Broke band, beg most humbly to approach your Excellency through W. R. Bartlett, S. I. affairs:—

1st. With regard to the last surrender we made to the Crown, the Superintendent General promised us that he would give us a good title for the reserve where we was to go, and he gave us one. We showed it to several gentlemen, and they say that it is not worth anything, on account of a statement made therein which that unless the Governor's seal and signature be there it shall be so.

2d. Since we have surrendered our Peninsula we have not received money that would be equal to the amount received by the sale of the lands, and we are losing monies through somewhere or other. To this we beg your Excellency's most serious consideration. And we will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

To our Great Father the Governor General of the United Provinces of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

WE, your red children the Chippewa Indians of Lakes Huron and Simcoe, in council assembled at Rama, this 9th day of July 1859. We were astonished when we heard from our superintendent, W. R. Bartlett, Esq., that there was a law made to authorise a superintendent of fisheries to rent our fishing grounds without our consent. We were told if we wished to reserve them for our own use we must apply to the superintendent, and pay a rent, or run the risk of being deprived of them. When we surrendered our lands to the Government we did not sign over all the game and the fish. Indians have had always the privilege of hunting wherever they pleased. Again, when we surrendered our lands to the Government, we do not say you must not cut down or sell the timber, nor sell the stone. We think no more than just that we should have the privilege of selling timber or stone off from our own reserves, if we have the opportunity of doing so to advantage.

We humbly submit the above statement to your Excellency's consideration.

(Here follow 77 signatures.)

Council House, Rama Indian Village,
 11 July 1859.