

The Hon^{ble}
The Post Master General
Ottawa

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(Department of the Interior
Indian Branch
Ottawa 15 June 1869

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant in reply to mine of the same date, respecting the establishment of a ~~weekly~~ mail service, by steamer, at Manitowaning, Manitoulin Island and would now inform you that a ^{on one half of the cost} ~~sum of~~ ^{of sugar that half} (not to exceed) one hundred and fifty dollars \$150. will be contributed from Indian funds towards compensating the Manager of the Mail Steamer "Algoma" for making a weekly trip up and down, touching at Manitowaning, weekly, during the season of navigation, this year.

Shave the honor
C. J. McLaughlin
Secy of State

(Department of the Interior
Indian Branch
Ottawa 15 June 1869

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, transmitting a Bank Certificate of Deposit and Draft for fifteen dollars sixty two cents (\$15.⁶²/₁₀₀) and six cents in stamps, being balance of disbursements this spring. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the Pay list of the Six Nations for this spring.

I am Sir
C. J. McLaughlin
Secy of State

(Dept. of the Interior
Indian Office

Ottawa 16 June 1869

By Telegram
To Mr. Robt. Lauder
Barnstons Co.
Toronto

Please attend immediately to my telegram of the 4th inst in re. Plan and Legend by returning assignment forthwith.

C. J. McLaughlin
Secy of State

Joseph Wilson Esq
Indian Com.
Sault Ste. Marie
Ont.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th April last, transmitting a Bank Certificate of Deposit and Draft for the sum of Forty six dollars sixty cents (\$46.⁶⁰/₁₀₀) being an amount of cash received by you for Indian Land Sales for the month of February last.

I am Sir
C. J. McLaughlin
Secy of State

(Department of the Interior
Indian Branch
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Sir

With reference to the representations signed by Lawrence Merchimer and twenty eight others stated to be Mispipaguas of the New Credit Settlement on the Grand River, complaining of Chief David Sawyer, which you have transmitted to me I have to observe that the present Chief of the said Band could not, unless under the Authority of the Government be removed, and even this would not be irregular unless upon an investigation he was found to be unworthy of retaining the rank of Chief. The main cause of difficulty in this case appears to have arisen in consequence of Chief Sawyer having declined to agree to the dismissal of school Teacher Wood. There is good reason for believing that P. Peter Jones has been intriguing with the Mispipaguas to bring about the removal of the Chief, and have himself installed in his place, but this person I may inform you is not by blood nor birth a Mispipagua, and therefore not eligible for the office, even in the event of David Sawyer ceasing to be Chief. He is the son of the Rev. Peter Jones, who was the son of Augustus Jones, who married the daughter of a Six Nation Chief; he is not an Indian by an the Mother side, the Wife of the late Rev. Peter Jones having been an European. In view of all the circumstances I have to instruct you to convene the Mispipaguas in Council, and when assembled to inform them

J. F. Gillison Esq
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Ottawa
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