

purchase, has been sold at public auction, without any remuneration being made to him.

“Also, your petitioner begs to state, that in September, 1857, at the sale of Indian land, he purchased for his three sons and his son-in-law, lots Nos. 27, 28, 29, and 30, in the third concession of Sarawak, each lot containing about one hundred acres, which they had occupied for several years with the cordial approbation of the whole tribe, and on which they had made extensive clearings, and had erected a good house and barn. That at the time of the sale, your petitioner obtained from the agent, a certificate of the purchase he had made; but a day or two after this, the agent having received fresh instructions from the Indian Department, he was told ‘these lots could not be sold to the Indians,’ and the certificates were therefore withheld.

“Your petitioner has had the opportunity of obtaining a common school education, and has been employed by the Indian Department as ‘writer and interpreter’ for the bands of Indians at Newash, Saugeeng, and Colpoy’s Bay; and has also been employed as interpreter and school-teacher among the Indians at Muncytown, at Saugeeng, and at Newash, and has had considerable experience in agricultural pursuits; and having aided to the utmost of his humble abilities to promote the improvement and elevation of his fellow Indians, he is extremely anxious to retain his farms, be a freeholder, and have the several members of his family remain on farms, and be