

the memorandum, and asking that an amount to defray the expenses of the deputation might be contributed from the Six Nation Indian Fund.

The Superintendent General directed a reply to be sent to Chief William Smith to the effect that the Imperial Government had been in communication with the Dominion Government on the subject of said claim, and that the Imperial Government had transferred the matter to the Dominion Government for settlement, and that as soon as he (the Superintendent General) should return to Ottawa he would give the question full consideration; that it would be useless at the present time for a deputation from the Six Nations to visit England in the matter, for among other reasons the probability of a change of Government in that country and the consequent delay that must ensue would prevent action being taken in England on the representations of a deputation. The Indian Superintendent at Brantford was also instructed to inform the Six Nation Indian Council to the same effect.

The undersigned is further advised with reference to the despatch No. 120, of the 3rd May last, from the Colonial Secretary, referred to in the memorandum from the Governor General's Secretary, that the same was referred by the Honorable the Privy Council to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs and that it was under the consideration of the Superintendent General up to the time that he left for the North-West, and as stated above, further consideration of the question was postponed by the Superintendent General until his return to Ottawa.

In view of the facts above described the undersigned respectfully recommends that further action in this matter be deferred until the return of the Superintendent General.

L. VANKOUGHNET, *for Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs.*

To the Hon. the Privy Council of Canada.

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator in Council on the 14th August, 1886.

On a memorandum, dated 2nd August, 1886, from Sir Hector Langevin for the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, with respect to a letter dated the 7th ultimo from Chief William Smith of the Six Nations Indians, stating that a deputation had been appointed to proceed to England in connection with the claim of those Indians to certain lands on the banks of the Grand River alleged to have been ceded to them in 1754.

In view of the fact that the above matter was under the consideration of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs up to the time he left for the North-West, Sir Hector Langevin recommends that further action be deferred until the return of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to Ottawa.

The Committee submit the above for Your Excellency's approval.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *Clerk Privy Council.*

To the Honorable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Ottawa, 28th August, 1886.

MEMORANDUM.—The undersigned begs to submit herewith correspondence which has taken place between the Department and its superintendent at Brantford, relative to the proposed delegation of Six Nation Indians to England, with the object of urging upon the Imperial Government their claim to additional land, under the deed from Sir Frederick Haldimand; also an Order in Council, of the 14th instant, on a memorandum from the Governor General's Secretary, relative to a despatch received by His Excellency from the Colonial Secretary on the same subject.

The said Order in Council recommends that further action in the matter be deferred until the return of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs to Ottawa.

The undersigned begs to state that the papers upon which the correspondence originated are before the Superintendent General, being contained in the file 36,539.

L. VANKOUGHNET, *Deputy Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs.*

To the Right Honorable Sir JOHN MACDONALD, G. C. B.,
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.