

No. 392.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE, the undersigned Chief and Principal men of the River Desert Band of Indians resident on our Reserve in Maniwaki in the County of Ottawa in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, for and acting on behalf of the whole people of our said Band in Council assembled, Do hereby release, remise, surrender, quit claim and yield up unto Our Sovereign Lady The Queen, her Heirs and Successors forever, ALL AND SINGULAR, that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the Maniwaki Indian Reserve in the County of Ottawa and Province of Quebec containing by admeasurement Thirty Acres be the same more or less and being composed of those certain portions of Lots Nos. 10 and 11 in the Desert Front and Lots Nos. 25 in the 4th and 5th Ranges of the Maniwaki Indian Reserve aforesaid, including the Road allowances between the said Lots and Ranges and which may be described as follows:—

Commencing at a point distant 8 chains from the North limit of the Road allowance between the said Desert Front and the 4th Range and three chains West of the line between Lots 9 and 10 in the Desert Front, thence South and parallel to the said line 16 chains to a point in Lot 25 in the 4th Range; thence West astronomically 18 chains 75 links to a point in Lot 25, in the 5th Range; thence North and parallel to the said line between Lots 9 and 10, 16 chains to a point in Lot 11 in the Desert Front; thence East astronomically 18 chains and 75 links more or less to the point of commencement.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto Her said Majesty THE QUEEN, her Heirs and Successors forever, in trust to sell the same to such person or persons, and upon such terms as the Government of the Dominion of Canada may deem most conducive to our welfare and that of our people.

AND upon the further condition that all moneys received from the sale thereof, shall, after deducting the usual proportion for expenses of management, be placed to our credit and the interest thereon paid to us and our descendants annually or semi annually as to the Department of Indian Affairs may seem best in our interest.

AND WE, the said Chief and Principal men of the said River Desert Band of Indians do on behalf of our people and for ourselves, hereby ratify and confirm, and promise to ratify and confirm, whatever the said Government may do, or cause to be lawfully done, in connection with the sale of the said land and the disposition of the money to be derived therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this Eighteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, in the presence of W. J. McCaffrey <i>Indian Agent</i>	}	LOUIS COMMANDAN	[L.S.]
		SIMON OTJIK	[L.S.]
		JOHN MCDUGAL	[L.S.]
		MATIAS TCHANANA	[L.S.]
		JOSEPH ANINASS	[L.S.]

DOMINION OF CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC COUNTY OF OTTAWA To Wit:	}	Personally appeared before me, William James McCaffrey Indian Agent of the Village of Maniwaki in the Province of Quebec and John McDougal Chief of the said Band of Indians.

AND the said William James McCaffrey for himself saith:—

That the annexed Release or Surrender was assented to by a majority of the male members of the said Band of Indians of the Maniwaki Reserve of the full age of twenty-one years then present.