

these Islands were concerned; as the Ojibeways, as well as the Ottawa Indians, had previously to the date of the Robinson Treaty, namely, by the Treaty of 1836, with Sir Francis Bond Head, relinquished all claim to said Islands; and therefore, at the date of the Treaty of 1850, they had no interest in the islands to surrender.

The undersigned is of the opinion that the above facts should be communicated to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, through the proper channel.

Respectfully submitted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs.

Hon. Sir ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,
Acting Supt-General of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, 19th June, 1882.

SIR,—I am directed by the Acting Supt-General of Indian Affairs to enclose to you the papers, relating to the respective claims of the Dominion Government of Canada and the Provincial Government of Ontario, to the Island of La Cloche and other islands referred to in the despatch of the 30th ultimo, placed herewith from the Under-Secretary of State, communicating the views and wishes of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, in respect to the matter in dispute.

I enclose also a copy of the Treaty made by His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head at Manitowaning on the 9th August 1836 with the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians who claimed the Manitoulin group of Islands on the North shore of Lake Huron, but whose claim was contested by the Crown.—

I also forward herewith a copy of a work edited by the Hon. Alexander Morris, and have to refer you to page 305 for the text of the Robinson Treaty, made in the year 1850, at Sault Ste. Marie, by the late Hon. William Robinson with the Ojibeway Indians inhabiting and claiming the eastern and northern shores of Lake Huron; and for the text of the Treaty made with the Chiefs and principal men of the Ottawa, Chippewa and other Indians, in the year, 1862, by the then Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs and the Deputy Superintendent-General, at Manitowaning, on the Great Manitoulin Island, I have to refer you to page 309 of the same work.

I likewise forward herewith plans which I have lettered respectively "A" and "B."—"A" shows the great Manitoulin Island and the Islands adjacent thereto, which are claimed by this Department under the Treaty of 1862 as disposable by it in the interests of the Indians who were parties to that Treaty. "B" shows the Islands opposite the north shore of the Georgian Bay, referred to in the Treaty of 1850, made by the Hon. William Robinson with the Ojibeway Indians, and both maps show the Islands referred to in the Treaty of 1836, made by Sir Francis Bond Head, with the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

I am not aware of any further facts to communicate than those that are contained in my memorandum of the 13th instant, also placed herewith, to the Acting Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, in respect to these Islands and surrenders. I may remark *en passant* that this Department has made no sales of Islands described in map lettered "B," but that it has dealt with both this land and timber on some of these Islands, laid down upon map lettered "A," and up to the date of the letter from the Under Secretary of State, of the 30th ultimo, its right to do so was not, as far as I am aware, disputed by the Government of Ontario.

I am to request that you will give your opinion on this question of title to these Islands, for the information of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

L. VANKOUGHNET,
Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs.

Geo. W. BURBIDGE, Esq., Deputy Minister of Justice.