

Extract of a Letter from Captain Joseph Brant to Sir John Johnson
 Bart. dated Grand River 10th December 1797.

I return you thanks for your congratulation
 on our having settled our Land Affairs, notwithstanding the
 Government here have yet retarded the accomplishing the business,
 and seem to wish to put new obstacles in the way as they have
 usually done. Your apprehensions of our going too far by asking
 to have the remainder so granted as to enable us to dispose of it
 also, I am not surpris'd as you were unacquainted with our
 intentions, our design was to be on the same footing with
 respect to our Lands as we were before the War on the
 Mohawk River, that is to have the free & indisputable Right
 to them as we understood we should when we first took them,
 and remain a free people as formerly we were, after we had
 obtained this I would have a Map drawn of the Grand River,
 and such parts as might really be usefull to us I would have
 cut off, and have the remainder, entailed, a Sufficiency for the
 whole of the Six Nations should they be dispos'd to retire here
 when I have this Map finished which is now drawing out I
 will send it down to you with the places marked which we
 propose still to dispose of, to convince you the more
 thoroughly of our intentions, and I hope that you will
 think more favourably and allow that we are not going
 too far. I am sorry to have to add concerning these lands,

that