

It is our desire to ~~communicate to~~  
~~our~~ <sup>to be</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>father</sup> that we are very poor  
 and are desirous of settling <sup>& cultivating the soil</sup> like our  
 brothers at the Credit & those of Belleville

We have a number of small Islands  
 in the Rice Lakes but are desirous of settling  
 on the Main Land and would like to  
 take possession of a tract of Land which we  
 pointed out to you <sup>when you visited us</sup> about a year ago.

We wish this to form a home ~~with children~~  
 for ourselves & children and wish to have  
 a definite answer whether we can obtain  
 it or not. Should Government be willing  
 to give us this tract, we also wish to get  
 some assistance in building our houses  
 and settling ourselves in the same <sup>manner</sup> ~~way~~  
<sup>that</sup> our brothers at the Credit have been assisted

We are willing that Govt should retain  
 a certain portion of our annual payments  
 for five years for this purpose & we  
 could dispense with many ~~superfluous~~  
 articles which <sup>constantly</sup> ~~were~~ furnished us.