

MEMORANDUM

To.

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, 14th March 1984

The question of setting apart lands for the Indians of Lower Canada appears to have been before the Government in the year 1849. On the 2nd Augst. of that year a report was made by J. Bouthillier Esq. Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, recommending the setting apart of lands for the Mississauga and Algonquini Inds.

On this Report an Order in Council was passed on the 7th Aug^t. 1849, authorizing Hon. J. B. Ives to investigate the Indian lands on the Sangway, and giving the Commissioner authority to set off lands on the Ottawa according to the Report above mentioned.

In Dr. Benthall's Report he says "The various
grants of land if made according to the wishes of
the Indians, must of course be sanctioned by
Legislative enactment, but in the meantime, it is
suggested that the tract mentioned be laid out and
bounded in the field & prevent strangers intruding
upon them, leaving it discretionary with the Government
finally, to appropriate a part or the whole when
in possession of more accurate information
on the actual number of individuals or families
to be settled there."