

"A."

Walpole Island, 6th Oct., 1848.

We, the undersigned, Chippeway Chiefs of Walpole Island and Port Sarnia, in full Council assembled, have unanimously agreed that a new division of our annuity be now made, and that our Superintendent be requested to forward our agreement to Montreal, viz: To the Walpole people the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds currency, and to the Sarnia people the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

ME-SHE-BE-SHE,	WAWANOSH,
NAGESHIK,	QUA-KE-GWAN,
PETER WEGESHIK,	CSHAOGDMAW,
QUAQUAKEBOOGK,	NAWETCHEGESHIK.

Certified by J. B. Clench, Supt. Indian Affairs; Henry P. Chase, I.I.D.; George Whitenfield, S. Master.

"B."

Affidavit of Chief Joshua Wawanosh, made the 25th November, 1870, before R. S. Gurd, Sarnia,

States that he believes himself to be about 87 years of age, was born at a place about 10 miles east of Sarnia, and has been the Head Chief of the St. Clair Band of Chippeways, and was one of the Chiefs who were parties to the cession made in the year 1857. That he very well knows and remembers the circumstances which took place at the time of the cession aforesaid, viz: A provisional agreement was first entered upon and immediately thereafter, some officials, white men, inquired as to the total number of the Indians then claiming and inhabiting the said Tract ceded; they were very particular in inquiring the names and the birth place of the Indians, to ascertain who were the proper owners and who were the American Indians, and afterwards, after finding that the number of the proper claimants were four hundred and forty persons, another paper deed was executed and signed by the Chiefs conveying said Tract to the King of England. That about the year 1837—cannot say exactly when—a considerable sensation was felt among the Indians and whites of the St. Clair Reserve and Port Sarnia by the arrival of Indians, representing themselves to be Saginaw Indians, from the State of Michigan. They encamped on the Banks of the St. Clair river, about one mile above the Town of Sarnia. That subsequently they made their Wigwams on the lower part of the St. Clair Reserve. They ever asked permission to become members of the St. Clair Band of Chippeways but were permitted to make their temporary stay on said Reserve. Afterwards a considerable number returned to their own possessions in Michigan. That he was always told by them that they fled from their own country to avoid being forced to remove west of the Mississippi, and after the excitement was abated they returned to their own country. That others remained, but the land had never been given them for good, and it was only one man named Nahpoo who asked him to become a member of the said Band. He (the said deponent) then went and asked the advice of the Indian Department, but was told that permission could not be granted to Nahpoo to become a member of the said Band. And to such as have remained no Council was ever held, nor Waumpums or Documents given to show that the lands were given them for good. That he knows to be the aliens who came from Michigan, whose names appear in the list marked "S," and which has been sent to him. That a certain part of his Band settled on Walpole Island, and in the year 1848 the annuity was by him and others divided into two parts, but the lands reserved, to his personal knowledge, have never been a matter of partition between them. That in former years the