

***** We have taken this important Subject into our most serious consideration and do most humbly concur in Your Majesty's Opinion of the propriety of putting this Country under a particular Government, by a Commission under Your Great Seal, with a most precise description of its Boundaries in Order to ascertain the actual possession of its property, and with such powers, as may be necessary, as well to maintain and secure the free Exercise of the Indian Trade, which it is proposed all Your Majesty's subjects shall enjoy within it, under proper Regulations, as to prevent its becoming a refuge to Criminals and Fugitives:-But at the same time, we beg Leave to submit to Your Majesty the following Objections which have occurred to us, against the annexing this Country to any particular Government, especially to that of Canada.*****

We are apprehensive as the whole of this Country would become subject to the laws of a particular Government or Province, it would give that Province such superior Advantage in respect to the whole of the Indian Trade, which Your Majesty in Your Justice and Wisdom has determined to leave as open as possible, to all Your Subjects as might controul and obstruct it to the Prejudice of Your other Colonies.*****

In the meantime We humbly propose that a Proclamation be immediately issued by Your Majesty as well on Account of the late Complaints of the Indians, and the actual Disturbances in Consequence, as of Your Majesty's fixed determination to permit no Grant of Lands or any settlements to be made within certain fixed bounds, under pretence of Purchase or any other Pretext whatever, leaving all that territory within it free for hunting grounds of those Indian Nations Subjects ~~to prohibit strictly all infringements or~~ ~~settlements to be made on such~~ ~~grounds of Your~~ Majesty, and for the free Trade of all Your Subjects to prohibit strictly all infringements or Settlements to be made on such Grounds.*****