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Duck Bay Band

I was met at Duck Bay by a deputation of Indians from the Swan River Reserve, Treaty No. 4. They came for the purpose of requesting me to lay before the Department, the following: The Chief "La Clef" or "The Key" with a few followers, has abandoned his reserve at Swan River, in hopes of getting another reserve at Pelly or thereabout, and by that means compelling the remaining members, who are by far the majority, to follow them. They stated to me, that it was impossible for them to leave the homes of their childhood, and in fact they were not provided with means of roaming over the prairies like the chief and his few followers, who were used to the life and were provided with animals for the purpose. They, therefore, beg the Department to grant them their desire for a change of reservation, they being the majority of the band.

It is their wish to have a reserve in the immediate vicinity of Shoal River, north of Lake Winnipegosis, so as to include their houses and small plots of ground which were held by them before the transfer. They also wish to be attached, like the Duck Bay band, to this Treaty No. 2, for payment of their annuity. The members of the band who have left with the chief are half-breeds.

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