

County of Kent, } I, Alexander Johnston, at present residing in Walpole Island,
to wit: } land, make oath and say as follows:--

I am fifty-seven years of age, or thereabouts. I was born at the mouth of the River Thames, and am at the present time one of the Council of Walpole Island, where I reside.

It is customary when there is any business of importance to be transacted among the Indians, for the chiefs and warriors to hold a meeting and consultation, and then lay the matter before the Council to decide upon, and in all cases, as a rule, abide by their decision. Without the consent of the Council, the present Indians, who are considered aliens, would not be allowed to receive their annuities. This matter was referred to us some years since, by our late superintendent, Froome Talfourd, Esq., and we then decided that they were entitled to their annuities, and should receive them, as we considered they had been invited over by us to our country, and they became part of us by a special act of Council, at the time they arrived here first.

Sworn before me, at the Village of Wallaceburg, } His
in the said County of Kent, this 18th day of July, } ALEXANDER X JOHNSON.
A. D. 1871. } Mark.

CHAS. P. P. HUTCHINSON,
Comm'r, &c.

County of Kent, } I, Peter Wegezhigh, at present residing on Walpole Island,
to wit: } make oath and say as follows:

I know the nature of an oath, and am at the present time about [58] fifty-eight years of age or thereabouts. About the year 1837 I had the pleasure of accompanying my father, a chief, deputed by the Indians of Walpole Island, to visit their brethren residing in the United States and invite them over to Canada, and I assisted him to paddle the Indian canoes over here. The Walpole Island Indians sent over strings of wampum by my father, which I saw with my naked eye inviting them to come. Any agreement made or arrangement entered into when accompanied by wampum is considered by an Indian as binding as a written agreement is by a white man. The wampums are not now in our possession, having been taken away by Indians who have emigrated west of the Mississippi River. On the arrival in Canada of these Indians, they were received by Act of Council, and became from that time joint proprietors in the Island, and also participators in the presents and annuities jointly with the Chippewas, and have regularly received them up to the present time.

Sworn before me at the Village of Wallaceburg, } His
in the County of Kent, this 18th day of July, 1871. } PETER X WEGEZHIGK.
Mark.

CHAS. P. P. HUTCHINSON,
Comm'r &c.

County of Kent, } I, James Joseph, at present residing on Walpole Island, make
to wit: } oath and say as follows: I know the nature of an oath; and
am now about thirty-seven years of age to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Up to the year 1849, or thereabouts, I received blankets from the British Government.
Since that time I have received an annuity from the Government in connection
with other Indians (Chippewas) on Walpole Island and the adjoining
Indian localities.

During the time Froome Talfourd, Esquire, was Superintendent of the Indians, he notified the Chiefs and principal men on Walpole Island, that any Indians on the Island who did not actually belong there, should not receive any annuity, and ordered their names to be taken off the pay-roll. But the Chiefs and principal men decided that we were admitted by the Act of Council, and that we were ENTITLED to participate in the annuities payable to the said Chippewas. That I