

## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES.

OTTAWA, 28th April, 1871.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of your Government, a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, authorizing the appointment of Mr. Wemyss McKenzie Simpson, as Indian Commissioner, to treat with the several Tribes of Indians between Thunder Bay and the Stone Fort.

Mr. Simpson's commission is being prepared, and will be sent to him at an early day.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State.

The Honorable

A. G. Archibald,  
Lieutenant-Governor,  
Fort Garry.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES.

OTTAWA, 5th May, 1871,

SIR.—I have the honor to enclose, herewith, a Commission under the Great Seal appointing you Indian Commissioner, to conduct negotiations and make Treaties with the Indian Tribes in the North-West, with the powers and authorities specially set forth in the Commission.

Your instructions, as to your duties as Commissioner will be sent to you from time to time from this Department, and to it you will address your official reports.

Your Salary as Commissioner, has been fixed at \$2,000 per annum, to commence from the date of your Commission, with such reasonable allowance for travelling expense as may hereafter be fixed by His Excellency in Council.

You will confer from time to time with the Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, on all matters connected with your duties as Commissioner, and you will endeavour as much as possible to co-operate with him.

As soon as you have completed your labours at Fort Francis, as a Commissioner, jointly with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Pether (for with the Indians in that neighborhood it will be necessary first to deal), you will, without loss of time, proceed to Fort Garry, to confer with the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and enter upon your duties as sole Commissioner with the Indian Tribes to the West of the Province.

His Excellency having appointed you Lieut.-Colonel of the Regimental Division of Algoma, it will be well that in your official interviews with the Indians, you should wear the uniform to which you are entitled as a Militia Officer of that rank.

I enclose a printed copy of Lieut. Butler's report of his journey from Fort Garry to Rocky Mountain House and back, as the information it contains about the Indians in the West may be useful to you in negotiating with them.

I have, &amp;c.,

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State.

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