

Toronto 22nd August 1834Off. C^y F. Wickens
Penetanguishene

Sir

I have the honor to state to you that the Annual Returns of advances to the Indians on account of Land Payments required to be made to me on the 30 June of each Year, by Command of the Lieut Governor do not appear to have been rendered from the Post of Penetanguishene with the regularity and in the form that will enable me to ascertain the balances due to the Indians on their Land Payments for the following periods viz:

The Year ending 30 June 1832

Ditto Ditto 1833

Ditto Ditto 1834

I am therefore directed by the Lieut Governor to request that you will have the goodness, if practicable, from the records of your Office, to transmit to me an Abstract from the Payments on account of lands ceded to the Crown; that is, payments in advance for the periods herein stated. The Payments authorized specially by His Excellency's signature, have invariably expressed "as an advance on acct of Land Payments" in the body of the Requisition. And such Payments as are made under the authority conveyed to you by my letter of the 23 May 1833, and that addressed to Sir James G. Thompson on the 10 January 1834, forms of course part of the Returns now required.

I beg to enclose herewith in case they may assist you in this matter the only returns in my Office on this head, - all of which you will perceive are for incomplete Years. I have &c

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AmherstburgToronto 22nd August 1834

Sir

I am directed to acquaint you that the two Chiefs "Clark" and the Brother of "Spotted" have made the following representation to the Lieutenant Governor, respecting which He requests you will transmit to me all the information that it may be in your power to procure.

1st The Chiefs state that they have been accustomed for many years to receive a Rent from Mr. Proton for the lease of Fighting Island; and that you retain three years Rent, paid by Proton, in your hands, in consequence of the Ottawa & Chippewa and other Tribes having claimed the Island.

You will have the goodness to make every enquiry from the Old Inhabitants of your District whether this Island has not always been considered as belonging to the Crown. There are no documents among the papers of the Executive Council's Office, or those of the Indian Department to show that this Island was reserved for the Indians. It therefore appears probable that the Indian Right was considered extinguished either when the British Government took possession of this country, or when Colonel Mager purchased the Right from the Indians in 1792 on the part of the King's Government. The Chiefs however could not legally grant any lease without the sanction of the Government, and this is well understood in the Province: And is conformable to the Orders in Council which have been long published.

2nd The Chief "Clark" states that you have been accustomed to give permission to the white Inhabitants to cut timber on the Amherstburg Reserve, and to receive payment for the permission.

You will report distinctly on these subjects: and it is perhaps needless to mention that the Huron Indians are to look to you for advice on all occasions; and that you are responsible that their property and interests are protected, - and that,

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