

21. That your Memorialists submit the following for your consideration as showing the circumstances and manner how and why the said aliens became the recipients of the said annuity:

1. That shortly after the arrival of the said aliens they became the recipients of presents from the Crown, the said Sarnia Band then raising no objections thereto, because they were a matter of Free Grant from the Imperial Government.

2. That when the said presents were discontinued, in lieu thereof, money, then called the commutation money, was continued to be paid to Indians for a short time, and when the same was discontinued the annuity money, being a payment for lands ceded to the Crown, has been continued, but no part thereof has been paid to those Indians who never had any lands ceded to the Crown, such as the Muncey Indians of the Thames; Chippeways, of Point au Pelee; Pottawatomes, and Ottawas, of Walpole Island.

3. But instead of discontinuing to pay the said aliens, their names continued to appear on the Payment Roll, and have in consequence received payment, although many of the Sarnia Band objected, but such objection has never been brought before the Government.

22. That the intention of your Memorialists of excluding the said aliens from any further participation in their annuity moneys and residing on their lands, is but a fair comparison of the action taken by the Government in the discontinuance of the said presents which were formerly annually issued to Indians for many years, and which were discontinued because there was never any direct pledge given to continue the boon to them.

23. That your Memorialists therefore deem their demand, to be protected and guaranteed in the maintenance of their rights in carrying out the arrangement herein proposed, not at all unreasonable, for there has been no pledge given to the said aliens.

Always unhesitatingly loyal to Her Majesty, they feel confident that her Honorable Officers will remove the dissatisfaction from the minds of her most loyal-loving aliens.

And in connection with this Memorial they respectfully call and direct your attention to the accompanying Affidavits and other Documents referred thereto.

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