

I send you a printed copy of documents, among which you will find copies of the Agreement between Sir Richard McBride and Dr. Mc Kenna, the Resolution of the Commission of the 20th. May, and the Order-in-Council of the 10th. June, and I have marked in red ink the clauses especially bearing on the powers of the Commission.

You also referred in your letter to the matter of the settlement of the boundaries of Reserves. Very few instances of questions of this sort have been brought under the notice of the Commission.

Have you fully considered what is involved in dealing with a question of this nature, that it involves questions of boundary lines? whether the survey is correct? whether the proper starting point has been taken? whether the proper courses and distances have been run?, whether previous land marks have been respected?, and, perhaps, whether the Statute of Limitations has operated and a parliamentary Title been acquired one way or the other?

That the taking up of these matters involves our turning ourselves into a Court without the slightest authority for it, and deciding a matter possibly against some whitemen who are not in any possible sense a part to or governed by the Commission or any of its provisions? Could we expect them for a moment to abide