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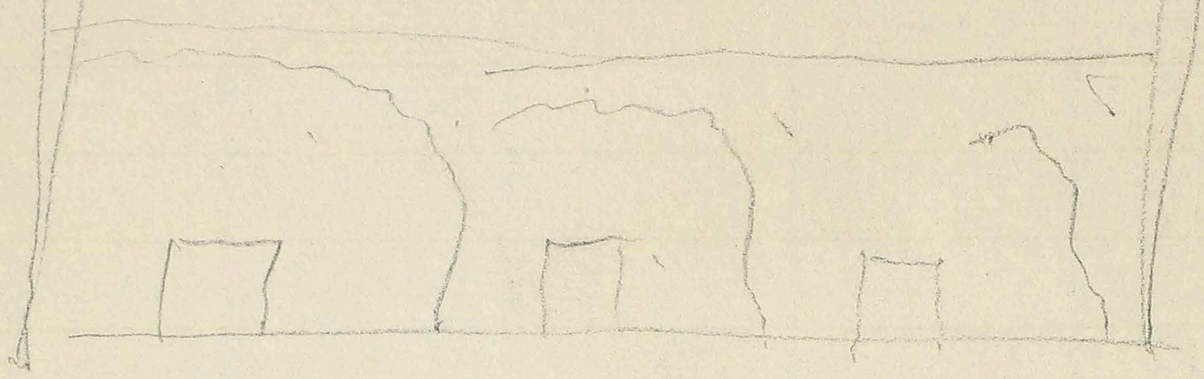

Brantford U. Canada
18th August 1828

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst. enclosing a Copy of a most satisfactory General order dated at Quebec on the 2d instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
&c &c
Signed, J. Brant

D. E. Napier Esqr.
Agt. & Secy. Indn. Depart.
Montreal

L.B.

Brantford U. Canada
25th August 1828

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 11th instant, enclosing for my guidance a Copy of a General order dated at Quebec on the 8th inst. and I will communicate the same without loss of time to the officers of the Indian Department serving under my orders.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed, J. Brant

D. E. Napier Esqr
&c &c &c
Montreal

L.B.

Brantford 25th August 1828

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing, by direction from Colonel Givins Senior Officer of Indian affairs in Upper Canada, Copies of General Orders issued at Quebec on the 2d and 8th of August instant.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed, J. Brant

J. B. Clench Esqr.
&c &c &c
York

L.B.

Brantford 26th August 1828

Sir,

I have received the order of Major General Darling by D. C. Napier Esqr. P. Agent and Secretary of Indian affairs to transmit for your information and guidance the enclosed copy of a General Order issued at Quebec on the 8th of August instant.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed, S. Brant
Capt. Six Nation Indians

To Mr. B. Fauchelle
Interpreter. Ind. Dept.
Fort George

L. B.

Brantford U. Canada
2d October 1828

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your communication of the 9th of last month enclosing a form of the statistical statement referred to in my instructions of the 18th August, and also your letter of the 4th September in which you are pleased to say that you have forwarded to me a box containing a small supply of stationary addressed to the Care of the Commissariat Officer at Fort George.

In Consequence of many of the Six Nation Indians having been employed for some time past in securing their Crops, and others out on hunting expeditions I have delayed Calling a Council; the more so as I am very anxious to have a general attendance – the harvest season having nearly closed, I have appointed the 9th instant for a general Council; and as soon as I can Collect the sentiments of the several tribes relative to the important communication that it is my duty to explain to them I will again do myself the pleasure of addressing you.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed, S. Brant
C. G. &c

Lieut Col. Napier
&c &c &c
Montreal

L. B.

Brantford U. Canada
15th November 1828

Sir

I beg to report to you that agreeably to my requisition under date of the 21st of October last for the annual presents to the six Nation Indians the Commissariat Officer of the post at York made up the required quantity and provided transport for the same to this place and the goods were received in Store here on the 8th and 9th instants by Mr. McGlusher of the Commissariat department from Fort George and he prepared the distribution of the presents by the morning of the 12th instant — the six Nations being assembled I carefully issued them to the several tribes in the presence of Major Winnett, Lieutenant Bernard and Ensign Flint of the 68th Regiment. I made several small Extra presents consisting principally of the Silver ornaments to a few individuals who had received wounds or otherwise signalised themselves in action with the Enemy during the late American War — I hope that the trifling rewards that I have extended to those few individuals will not be considered singular in the discharge of my duty

I am requested by the Chiefs of the six Nations to return through you their grateful acknowledgements to His Majesty's Government for the supply of presents that they have just received

I received on the 10th instant the Box containing a small supply of Stationary referred to in your communication of the 4th of September last.

I have the honor to be
Sir — &c &c &c
Sgnd. J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Lieut Col. Napier
R. A. & Sec. I. A.
Montreal

L. B.

Brantford 17th December 1828

Sir

Enclosed you will receive my requisition in triplicate for one thousand five hundred and ninety nine pounds Pr. G. Gun Powder - and also my receipt in duplicate to S. B. Smith Esqr. Ordnance Store Keeper for the same.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant
Signed) S. Brant
Supt. Six Nation Indians

P. Hartney Esqr.
Ordnance Office
York

L. B.

Brantford 3d December 1828

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st ultto. relative to the Pensioners in the Six Nation Indian Department. I will assemble the Pensioners immediately and communicate to them the proposed arrangement; and I am quite sure that they will readily adopt the measure as it cannot fail to be of great benefit to them.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c. &c. &c.
Signed)
S. Brant
&c. &c. &c.

To S. Greig Esqr.
Dy. ast. Com. Genl.
Fort George

L. B.

Brantford 17th December 1828

Sir,

In consequence of the Tuscarora School master's name not being included in the returns of the Six Nation Indian Department for about two years, I omitted his name in my returns up to the 24th ult. Major General Darling having written to you as to the arrears of his Salary, I beg to enquire in what form I have to return him for the future.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your obt. Servant
signed) S. Brant

To S. Greig Esqr.
Dy. ast. Com. Genl.
Fort George

L. B.

Indian Department
Brantford 18th December 1828

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 24th. Inst. relative to losses sustained by the six Nation Indians during the late War — I shall loose no time in notifying your intention to meet the people some time this winter to close their Claims.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / S: Brant
Supt. Sia N. Indians

Col. Givins
Supt. Indn. affairs
&c. &c.
York

L. B.

Brantford 27th December 1828

Gentlemen

The frequent complaints of the Indians against the Tavern kept by Sylvanus Mott (near Brantford) together with my own knowledge of the injury which that house has been to them; I beg to State to you the importance of a discontinuance of a licence for that house whilst occupied by Mr. Mott.

I further beg leave to enclose a letter addressed to you by Messrs Racey and Holme; Magistrates residing in the immediate vicinity of Motts

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your ob.t. Servant
Signed, S: Brant
Supt. Ind.n Dep.t.

To the Magistrates of the District of Gore assembled for the purpose of granting Tavern licences

L: B:

Brantford 11th January 1829

Sir

Dept. A. Genl. Maj. at Fort George having mentioned to me that the pensioners in the Six Nation Indian Department did not attend regularly to receive their pensions at that office; and as several of the pensioners are old and infirm I beg leave to state that it would be inconvenient for them to travel seventy miles monthly to receive their pensions - I therefore made a proposal to Mr. Maj.; that is; for the individuals in question to nominate some person and they can be identified every three or six months - Mr. Maj having adopted the proposal, the pensioners gave me a power of attorney and in future I am to pay them at this place monthly - the which arrangement I hope will be approved of.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble servant
Signed, J. Brant
Capt. Six Nation Indians

Lieut Col. Napier
R.A. Secretary S.A.
Montreal

L. B.

Brantford 16th January 1829

Sir

The improvement of the Grand River from the point where the Welland Canal is expected to intersect the River up to Brantford having been brought before the Legislature during the last Session - as I consider it fraught with evils of great magnitude to the interests of the Six Nation Indians, from the liability of their lands to be overflowed by the construction of the proposed dams, from the interruption of their fisheries and their communication along the River, the request of several lots of land at each dam; offords in my opinion sufficient grounds for the strongest opposition on the part of those who are charged with the care and protection of the Indians.

Should there be any intention on the part of the applicants to renew the subject, may I beg

that

that you will be pleased to give me the earliest intimation; that I may present to your Honorable House, in the name of the six Nation Indians, a strong but respectful remonstrance against its accomplishment.

I have the honor to be

Sir

George Hamilton Esqr
M.P.
Cork

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / J. Brant
Supt. Six Nation Indians

N.B. and the same addressed to John Wilson Esqr. M.P. and Robert Dixon Esqr. M.P.—

To the Honorable the Commons of the Province of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled

The Petition of John Brant Esqr. Superintendent of the Six Nation Indians residing on the Ouse or Grand River,—

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your petitioner having been apprised of a petition from William Holme Esqr. and others in which they pray to be incorporated for the purpose of improving the Navigation of the Grand River from Brantford to where it shall intersect the Welland Canal, and their intention to revive the subject during the present session of Parliament has created alarm among the Indians, and they in consequence have requested your petitioner to approach your Honorable Body, and most respectfully to remonstrate against the contemplated improvement

Your petitioner begs leave to observe that whatever benefit the proposed improvement may promise for the general good of the Province it would be fraught with evils of great magnitude to the interests of the Indians who are most anxious to offer many reasons to prevent the accomplishment of the present proposed plan. Whatever considerations may be due to the objections derivable

from

from the liability of the Indian Lands being overflowed by the Construction of the proposed dams, the interruption of their fisheries, and their Communication along the River with the request for a quantity of Land at Each Dam offords in the opinion of your petitioner sufficient grounds for the strongest opposition on the part of those who are Charged with the Care and protection of the Indians; as the inevitable Consequence will be the introduction of ardent Spirits at Each of these stations and probably a population not tending by precept or Example to improve the moral Condition of the Indians; but on the Contrary impeding in the greatest degree our Efforts for the Civilization and happiness of those tribes which your petitioner hopes to see ultimately crowned with success

Your petitioner further begs leave to state that having read an advertisement in the News paper signed William H. Merritt Agent for the Welland Canal Company, dated York 1st. January 1829, whereby persons are invited to Contract for building a dam across the said River which flows through the reserved lands of the Indians, and which if Carried into Effect will be much against their interest. Your petitioner without enlargeing upon the subject, begs to mention that it is generally believed the proposed dam will overflow their lands a distance of sixteen miles up the River, destroying the fine intervale lands, which have been under Indian Cultivation since the first settlement of the Province. Your petitioner begs to remonstrate against the erection of the said dam

Your petitioner confiding in the Justice and wisdom of your Honorable Body prays that the most ample protection may be extended to the Indians under his Superintendence — and,

Your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed,

S. Brant
Supt. Ind. Dept.

York 4th February 1829.

L.B.

Brantford Upper Canada
12th March 1829

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your communication of the 23d January and the 6th February last; in consequence of indisposition I have been prevented from acknowledging them at an earlier period. In obedience to my instructions from the Chief Superintendent of the Indian department relative to the proposed improvement of the Navigation of the Grand River by the the Construction of dams; on the earliest information of an intimation on the part of the Applicants to revive that question during the present Session of the Provincial Parliament; I proceeded to York and presented to the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council in the name of the nance of the six Nations a strong but respectful remonstrance against the contemplated improvement. I have made every exertion to obtain correct information to enable me to make up a statistical account of the possessions of the six Nations; I have found it necessary not only to visit the several tribes but in very many instances to visit the heads of families in order to avoid any inaccuracy that might occur in obtaining the information by tribes; the which has kept me employed much longer than I had anticipated. the section of Country occupied by the six nations is about sixty miles in length.

I have regularly attended to the schools and have had quarterly examinations of all the Children in conjunction with our zealous and active missionary the Revd. R. Luggar, and I have great satisfaction to report that the Schools continue to prosper. The Tuscarora School Master A. DeKaghraknsere (being the third School) has recently been guilty of immoral and improper conduct; and on the 24th of last month I felt it my duty to dismiss him. I beg leave to communicate that on the 21st ultto. I received directions from His Excellency Major General Sir John Colborne to make all my communications and reports direct to him in consequence of the Indian Department in Upper Canada being placed under His Excellency's Controul.

Lieut. Col. Napier
R.A. & Sec. I. A.
Montreal

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant — Sigd/. J. Brant.
Supt. Six Nation Indians

L. B. —

Brantford 13th March 1829.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 4th instant in which you state that it is necessary for all attorneys claiming local pensions to produce a certificate from a Justice of the peace that the party for whom they claim pensions was in existance on the date to which the pension was due. I have to acquaint you that the individuals for whom I act as attorney were all alive on the 24th February last, and enclosed you will receive the required certificates.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Sig.d J. Brant

Capt. Ind.n Dept.

W. L. Grig Esq.r
Dy. A. Com. Genl.
Fort George

L.S.B.

Brantford 12th April 1829

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your communication of the 28th ult.o and I beg leave to report that the situation of the lands belonging to the several tribes of the Six Nation Indians lies six Miles on each side of the Grand River and extending in that proportion from its mouth to Dundas Street, the distance in a straight line being nearly fifty miles and containing about two hundred and ninety nine thousand Eight hundred and sixty four acres; out of this quantity there are about thirty five thousand acres leased to white people; and the quantity in the present possession of the Six Nations is about two hundred and sixty four thousand eight hundred and sixty four acres.

Should you require more detailed information on any of these subjects I shall be most happy to give them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Sig.d J. Brant

Capt. Six Nation Indians

Lieut. Col. Napier
R. A. & Sec.y I. A.
Montreal

L.S.B.

Brantford 13th April 1829.

Sir,

I beg leave to communicate for the information of His Excellency Sir John Colborne, that I have received a letter from Lieut. Colonel Napier R. A. & Secretary Indian affairs of Montreal dated 28th March 1829 requesting me to report on the situation and quantity of the lands belonging to the several Indian tribes within my District. I have the honor to enclose a copy of my letter.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Sig.d J. Brant
Supt. Six Nation Indians

Lieut. Mudge
A. D. C.
Government House
York

L. B.

Brantford 29th April 1829

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant; and I will loose no time in preparing the returns of the six Nation Indians, and shall transmit the same to the superintendent at York.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant
Sig.d J. Brant
Supt. Six Nation Indians

Lieut. Colonel Napier
R. A. & Sec.y I. A.
Montreal.

L. B.

Brantford Upper Canada
21st May 1829.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ult.o and I beg leave to report the number and situation of the Indian Schools within my District. 1st Six Schools situated on the Grand River in the District of Gore.

2d — Two by the New England Corporation, one by the Indian Department, and three by the Methodist Society.

3d — The Teacher of one of the Methodist schools is an American.

4th — Eighty six Boys and Sixty five Girls.

5th — The Religion of the Teachers of of the New England Corporation and Indian Department schools — } The Church of England

The Religion of the Teachers of the Methodist schools — — — — — } The Methodist System

6th — The language taught in these are, in five schools — — — — } The English.

In one of them the Mohawk language.

There are two school Houses erected by the New England Corporation to which the Revd. Mr. Jaggar and myself will very shortly appoint Teachers.

With regard to the Indians of the United States I can only observe that the Indians of the State of New York are under the laws of that State and they receive an annual dividend of money arising from funds of their own, and only receive presents when on deputations to the President of the United States or Governour of the State. In my letter of the 12th March I reported that on the 24th February I dismissed the Tuscarora School Master A. D. Raghoakenere, — Since which I have appointed Jacob Thomas who has discharged his duty in a very Satisfactory manner, I beg to recommend him to the notice of His Excellency the Commander of the Forces for the appointment.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

signed

J: Brant

Supt. Six Nation Indians —

Lieut Col. Napier
R. A. & S. I. A.
Montreal.

L: B: —

Brantford Upper Canada
16th August 1829.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st ultto. and I beg leave to state that the returns and estimates for the years 1828 & 29 were made previous to my appointment in the Indian Department.

It was in consequence of your communication of the 13th of April last that I visited the several Indian Hamlets to enable me to make a correct statement of the numbers in each tribe; and I beg leave to enclose to you a detailed return of the present numbers of the Six Nation Indians; which I hope will be satisfactory.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
sig/ J: Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Lieut Col. Napier
R. A. D. G. I. A.
Montreal

L. B.

Brantford Upper Canada
10th August 1829.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 18th ultto. respecting the issue of provisions; and in reply I beg leave to report that there has not been any provisions whatsoever issued to the Indians within my District.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
sig/ J: Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Lieut. Colonel Napier
Indian Department
Montreal

L. B.

Brantford Upper Canada
11th August 1829

Sir,

In obedience to the Commands of His Excellency Sir John Colborne I assembled the Six Nations Indians at this place on the 3d instant to receive their annual presents, and I have the honor to report that after Assistant Comy. General Rendall had prepared the distribution of the presents I carefully issued them to the several tribes in the presence of Lt. Colonel Jones - Capt. Stewart and Lieut. Cuming of the 71st Regiment

I made several small extra presents consisting principally of the articles not included in the Schedule of equipments to a few individuals who had received wounds or otherwise distinguished themselves during the late American War.

The Chiefs of the Six Nations have requested me to express through you their grateful acknowledgements to His Majesty's Government for the presents they have received

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Sig.d/ J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Lieut. Colonel Napier
Indian Department
Montreal

L. B.

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Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Sig.d J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Mudge Esqr.
&c &c &c
Gov.t House
York

L. B.

York 3.d September 1829.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your Note of yesterday and agreable to your request have the honor to submit for his Excellency's information the proceedings of a Council held with the Six Nations on the 11.th June last.

It has subsequently been reported to me that Mr. Claus intends to withhold the annual interest for Eight years as a remuneration for his late Fathers services; in consequence of the donation of Lands not being confirmed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
signed
J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Mudge Esqr
&c &c &c
Government House

L. B.

Proceedings of a General Council of the Six Nations held at the Onondaga Village on the Grand River June 11th 1829.

After the usual ceremonies of Condolence had passed — the Superintendent addressed the assembled Chiefs as follows.

He recommended the Chiefs to bear in mind the great and liberal protection of His Majestys Government, and that they had every reason to be grateful to the Governour of this Country for the recent protection Extended to them with respect to the donation of land to the late Colonel Claus — and Mentioned the unsettled state of their money at interest, and that it was absolutely necessary that some arrangement should be made immediately if they expected to receive the annual interest.

JOSEPH, Principal Chief of the Onondas arose and said.

Colonel Claus promised to act as Trustee for the Six Nations without any remuneration, being the Kings Officer he said it was his duty to visit us once a year to issue the Kings presents and that he could at the same time pay our interest money — When we granted Colonel Claus ten thousand acres of Land it was with the understanding that we should not be called upon to reward him for his services as our Trustee

Brother,

We now express our gratitude to the King for his gracious protection in refusing to confirm the late Grant.

Brother,

We entreat our Father the Lieutenant Governour to aid us in recovering our money from Mr. John Claus.

ISAAC LOCK spoke for the Mohawks and said.

Brother,

We fully concur in the sen-

Sentiments expressed by the Oneidas and Cayugas - we know that Colonel Claus did receive ten thousand acres of Land from the six Nations, and we Conceive he has no Claim upon us for remuneration for his services as our Trustee; - We thank the King for restoring this large tract to the six Nations

Brother

During the late war Colonel Claus did not pay our interest money for one year, and Mr. John Claus is about two years in arrears - for several years on receiving our dividend a sum has always been stated to be uncollected, but promised to be paid the following year, which we have not received, nor have we ever received our double interest (premium) for our money in England.

George Martin arose and said

Brother,

with respect to the donation of land to Colonel Claus we have nothing to say as the Government have decided not to confirm the grant, but we are fearful that Mr. John Claus will commence a suit at Law against us for having signed the instrument of surrender. If we could be assured that we have nothing to fear from a prosecution it would be a great comfort to us - with respect to our interest money we must confess that we do not know the amount Mr. Claus has charge of.

Certified,

signed

J. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Brantford 8th September 1829

Sir,

I am in the receipt of your Communication of the 6th ulto conveying His Excellency's the Commander of the forces belief that abuses exist in the issue of Rations to wounded Indians, to the Widows and orphans of Chiefs or warriors who have fallen in the field &c.

I beg leave to state that there has not been any Rations whatever issued to the Indians placed under my Superintendence.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient
Humble Servant
Sig.d. S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Lt. Colonel Napier
Indian Depart.t
Montreal

L.B.

Mohawk Village
5th October 1829

Proceedings of a Council held with the Six Nation Indians this day

Present

His Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B. Lieut.t Governor of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein &c. &c. &c.
Captain Blois A. D. C.
G. Mudge Esq.r Private Secretary
Capt. John Brant Superintendent Indian Department
James Racey Esq.r J. P.
William Hoine Esq.r J. P.
Rev.d Robert Luffman } Missionaries
Rev.d Abraham Nelles }

The Council opened with the usual Ceremonies.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor addressed the Six Nations to the following effect.

By representing to them the necessity of dividing their Lands and Cultivating them for their own benefit.

that the King had given them one of the finest tracts of land foreseeing that at some period they would be surrounded by a large population of Colonists and their hunting and fishing would be interrupted. that the time had arrived, and that for their future subsistance and comfort they must become agriculturists, in recommending that each family should take a certain number of acres to cultivate and the lots should descend to their Children and they should not have the power of disposing of them or selling them, and the remainder of the lands should be leased out for the benefit of their Children. He recommended them to pay attention to the instruction given by their Missionaries and to send their Children to the Schools conducted by them. His Excellency then referred to their petition respecting the rent and documents in Mr. Claus hands and offered as their guardian to endeavour to recover their property, and stated that he should at all times be ready to attend to their representations. He then desired them to take time to consult on the subjects he had brought before them.

Echo, Onondaga Chief arose and said. I am requested by the Chiefs of the Six Nations to thank your Excellency for the communications that you have made to us - and to say that we are very glad your Excellency has been pleased to visit our Village and to meet the Chiefs of our respective tribes in Council. We shall bear in mind your recommendations and calmly deliberate upon the several Subjects adverted to in your Speech.

Joseph, Principal Chief of the Onedas said Please your Excellency, I rise in behalf of the tribes now around you, briefly to reply to the words that fell from your Excellency, for which we sincerely thank you. As to the schools that we have now established amongst us for the benefit of our young young people, we are thankful to your Excellency for your recommendations. We have had a Church for forty years and no resident Minister. We feel much indebted to our Superintendent for his Exertions in establishing schools for the instruction of our Children

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and also for the Minister that we have now residing with us, and we fal grateful to the King for appointing our own Chief to take Charge of our affairs.

With respect to our money matters we wish to acquaint your Excellency that last year we had an opportunity to Express our sentiments to Major General Darling and requested him to take it up and plant it Elsewhere in Consequence of the defalcation of the present Trustee. and we rejoice that you Excellency has been pleased to say that you would step forward in our behalf to recover our money from Mr Claus.

We now unanimously entreat your Excellency to take Charge of our Money and adopt such arrangements as will for the future prevent delay in the payment of the annual interest.

With respect to your Excellency's words relative to our land affairs we shall give them every attention at our Council Fire and send our answer to your Excellency with as little delay as possible.

Certified.

Sign'd / J: Brant
Sup.t Six Nations

L. B.

Mohawk Village
26th October 1829.

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing to you address the proceedings of two Councils of the Six Nations on the 5th and 14th Instant which I beg you will lay before His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obt. Humble Servant
Sign'd / J: Brant
Sup.t Six Nations

To
Jos. Mudge Esqr
&c &c &c
York

Proceedings of a Council of the six Nation Indians held at the Onandaga Council fire at the Grand River on the 14th October 1829.

When Isaac Lock a Mohawk Chief addressed the Superintendent Captain Brant to the following Effect

Brother,

I am happy to express to you our grateful sentiments for the communications that Governor was pleased to make to the Chiefs of the six Nations, and we are unanimous after mature deliberation to accede to the Governors recommendations. with respect to the village of Brantford the Town plot ought to commence at the boundary corner of the Parsonage lot and extend in the proportion of one mile untile it intersects the lands belonging to William H. Smith including the plot in front of the Village.

With respect to our money affairs we thank the Governor for his kind offer to assist us and the Chiefs of the six Nations are unanimous in revoking the power given to Mr. John Claus as our Trustee, and to appoint the Lieut. Governor and the person next in authority in the Government with our Superintendent as our Trustees.

With respect to our unoccupied lands we are thankful that the Governor is willing to assist in leasing our waste lands in order that an income may be derived from the same for the benefit of our women and Children. The Chiefs of the six Nations are desirous that the unoccupied lands should be leased and recommend the following tracts – that is – all the lands adjoining the Dumfries Tract and the mouth of the River.

With regard to deviding the land to the several tribes and then to families, we see great difficulties would arise in consequence of intermarriages, and the Mohawks, Onidas and Cayugas being located so near each other, we cannot expect the Onidas and Cayugas to abandon their houses and improvements and remove to such

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allotments of land as may be selected for them without remuneration, which we the Mohawks have not to give them, nor do we wish to see our Comfields divided, because it may lead to misunderstandings amongst our tribes

I conclude Brother by returning thanks to the Governour for his Speech and visit to us.

Oneida Joseph said – I will communicate to you the sentiments of the Oneidas – that we cannot consent to a division of the land – we are intermixed with the Mohawks and Cayugas, and we think it very difficult to cause the Oneidas and Cayugas to remove to any allotment that may be made for our tribes.

With respect to the Town Plot of Brentford we see no difficulty, we must be united as it is for our good.

With regard to our money matters the Oneidas are thankful to His Excellency the Governour for his kind offer in our behalf to step forward in securing our money, and we are unanimous in appointing the next in authority with our Elder Brother Tekarihogen to be our Trustees – and I again repeat we must be united in every subject upon which the Governour spoke.

WAMPUM, a Cayuga rose and said – I speak in behalf of the Cayugas – and recapitulated his Excellency's Speech delivered at the Mohawk Village

Our Chiefs who are dead and gone had the firmest confidence in the King, for he had always assured them that their lands should be secured to them and their children without encroachment, for which we are thankful.

With respect to dividing our lands among the several tribes of the Confederacy, we leave to our Elder Brothers the Onaudagas, – we remember that our forefathers had their respective territories and villages, but our situation is now different.

We are truly happy that the Governour has paid us a visit, and that he is disposed to stand to assist us in our difficulties as a father.

With regard to leasing our unoccupied lands for the benefit of our Women and Children, we fully concur in the words that fell from the Governour, and to take Charge of our lands. and our Nation is fully agreed to the generous recommendations for laying out a Village Plot at Brantford. We thank him for his offer to remove off from our land all those persons who are in the habit of selling Spirits to our young men, and to get good people to reside amongst us - for at present the people behave very bad to our tribes - and that he has promised to remove the Squatters off of our land for they have given as much trouble - He recommended to us to attend to our farms. we beg to assure him that we shall make every Exertion.

With respect to Religion, we thank the Governour for what he said, and we know that there is but one God for all mankind, - nor will we forget the difference he mentioned between the broad and narrow roads; for we know it is true.

We will now speak of another subject. we are much grieved to see that our lands are likely to be overflowed by the dam of the Welland Canal Company - we entreat the assistance of the Governour. We are willing to lease our unoccupied lands, that is above Brantford; and at the mouth of the River; but such as we at present occupy to remain as they are.

Whatever plans the Government may adopt we understand is to be for the benefit of our several tribes for ever.

We are truly thankful to the Governour for his kind offer to step forward in our money matters. we now revoke the power given to Mr. John Claus as our Trustee, and place our monies in the hands of the Governour and his successors. we wish the interest money to be paid every year at the same time we receive our presents. We also wish a Correct Statement of our money now at interest.

We are thankful to the Governour for his goodness in saying that his door should be open to us if we requested an interview, and we hope that he may remain among us for many years.

Mr Echo said – it is the wish of the Onondagas that the Council should calmly deliberate upon the words that fell from the Governor as there is reason to be grateful for his kind offer to assist us in all our affairs, and it is our wish to comply with his recommendations.

Certified

Signed / J. Brant
Sachem Six Nation Indians

L. B.

Brantford 28th October 1829.

Sir

With respect to the Interpreter Benjamin Fairfield under my command being placed in quarters at Fort George. I have the honor to state that his proper place place of abode should be at Brantford with me and as his duty is solely at the latter place I require him to be there at all times, whereby I am induced to believe that he is entitled to lodging money – there being no public buildings to accomodate him at Brantford, and that at Fort George he would be altogether useless in his appointment under my orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Sign'd / J. Brant
Sach. Six Nation Indians

A. Garrett Esq.
Barrack Master
Fort George.

L. B.

Brantford Upper Canada
28th November 1829

Sir,

In compliance with your request I loose no time in forwarding to you the information required in your letter of the 6th Inst. The means of support for the Indian Schools on the Grand River are derived from three sources – the Indian Department – New England Corporation in London,

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and the Methodist Missionary Society – there are altogether Eight schools: four built and supported by the New England Corporation at fifty pounds Sterling per annum to each, with white Teachers. – One by the Indian Department with a Native teacher at twenty pounds Sterling per annum – and three by the Methodists; two of which have white teachers with thirty seven pounds ten shillings Currency a year each, and the third of the Methodist schools has a Native teacher who receives no stated salary, but an annual remuneration for his trouble. The Nature of the Methodist Society by whom these schools are supported is I apprehend, partly a Canadian and partly a United States institution, and therefore not a British institution.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
Signd, J. Brant
Capt. Six Nation Indians

To
Lieut Col. Napier
R. A. H. S. A.
Montreal

L.B.

York 11th December 1829

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor that the dam thrown across the Grand River by the Welland Canal Company has overflowed the Indian Corn fields, their Crops laid waste, and their winter provision destroyed – I respectfully entreat His Excellency will be pleased to assist the sufferers in obtaining payment for their loss, to enable them to procure subsistance during the season

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obt. Servant
Sign'd J. Brant
Capt. S. N. I.

J. Mudge Esq.
&c &c &c
York

L.B.:-

Proceedings of a Council of the six Nation Indians held at the Onondaga Council fire at the Grand River the 22 March 1830.

John Isaac Lock a Mohawk Chief addressed the Superintendent to the following Effect.

We have listened attentively to the words that the Governor requested you to Communicate to us. We return our sincere thanks for his Exertions during the great Council of the white people at York (meaning the Legislature) to get a new regulation made to protect us. We sincerely hope that the Governor will be pleased to continue his exertions in our behalf to recover our money. Perhaps he may deem it necessary to submit this affair to the Great Council (imperial parliament) of the Kings people beyond the great Lake.

We cheerfully comply with the recommendations of the Governor in regard to the Town plot of Brantford and also the lots of Land on each side of the road to be laid out across our tract from the long point side (Rainham) to Canby Town.

Oneida Joseph arose and said – We concur in the sentiments expressed by the Mohawks, relating to our money matters, and we consent to grant to Government the land for the town plot at Brantford and also the land for the new road leading to Canby Town.

Nanticoke, a Cayuga Chief said – we will on no account consent that any of our land should be taken from us to recover the money which is our own. We thank the Governor for his Exertions in our behalf, and we hope that he will not be disheartened because the great Council of the white people at York did not attend to his message. We are willing to grant the land for the Town plot at Brantford and also the lands on the new road to be made towards the mouth of our River

Certified,

Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

L. B.

Brantford 24th March 1830

Sir,

On the 22d Instant I assembled in Council the Chiefs of the Six Nation Indians, and carefully explained to them the subjects of your Communication of the 9th instant I have now the honor to enclose to you the answer of the Chiefs.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Maitland Esqr
Government House
York

L. B.

Brantford 10th April 1830.

Sir,

I beg to report that I have completed the Survey of the Town plot of Brantford, including Eight hundred and seven acres; and have given notice to the Chiefs of the Six Nations to assemble in Council on the 19th instant to subscribe and affix their Seals to the instrument of surrender.

His Excellency having been pleased to nominate the Hon.ble James Baby, the Hon.ble J. Dunn and the Hon.ble George St. Maurice Trustees for the property of the Six Nations in the Bank of England and requiring the authority of the Chiefs to enable those Gentlemen to act; I have to request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Attorney General to furnish with a proper and legal form of a power of attorney, the which will enable me to obtain the Signatures of the Chiefs at an early period.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
And Humble Servant
Sign.d J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Maitland Esqr.
Government House
York

L. B.

Proceedings of a Council held with the Six Nations at the Onandaga Council fire at the Grand River on the 19th. april 1830.

Present

The Superintendent of the Six Nations
James Rainy
William Holme } Esquires.
M. Lewis Burwell } P. S. Surveyor.

After the usual Ceremonies of Condolence the Superintendent Explained to the assembled Chiefs the Substance of His Excellency the Lieut. Governors Letter relative to their Ceeding to the Crown 807 acres for a Town plot at Brantford. That the land should be divided into lots and sold for their benefit. That the Lieut. Governor had mentioned three Trustees to take Charge of our money - viz - the Hon.ble James Baby - J. H. Dunn and G. H. Markland - That the Lieut. Governor was desirous to form a Village at some Central point on the Grand River - and to build a Church School House, and Council Room for the Six Nations, and Concluded by recommending the Chiefs unanimously to comply with the Lieut. Governors recommendation.

John Hill, arose and said, that the late Captain Brant, and his Father Capt. David Hill were great friends, and that he considered his Claim as good as Capt. Brants

Chas Sky, wished to speak of a different Subject, after which he would consider what our Superintendent had communicated to the Council

Oneida Joseph, said we are unanimous in surrendering to the Crown the lands at Brantford, and we thankfully confirm the Governors appointment of Trustees to take Care of our money.

Daniel said that the flats belonged to John Hill, and we hope he may be allowed to keep them, we will not interfere with the upland.

John Jacobs, said, we recognise no claim but such as are determined upon at this Council fire - The Government is able to get our lands out of the water.

Isaac Lock said, we are unanimous in ceding to the Government the lands at Brantford, and wished the proceeds of the Sale to be added to our money which is

in England — and we thank the Governor for his appointment of Trustees to take care of our money.

Oh and of a Chief, we fully concur in the sentiments expressed by the several tribes relative to the Town plot of Brantford. We unanimously confirm His Excellency's appointment of the three Trustees named to us this day — we reserve to ourselves the right of fixing the price of the lots in Brantford, both occupied and unoccupied. The votes of the Six Nations on these subjects are unanimous — let no one hereafter say that they were not present, nor did not concur in the present vote.

Certified

Sig.d S. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

S.B.

Brantford 23.d April 1830

Sir,

I have to request that you will be pleased to acquaint His Excellency that the Surrender from the Six Nations ceding to the Crown Eight hundred and seven acres for the Town plot at Brantford was completed on the 19th Instant. the actual Survey of the Town being now in progress; and when finished I shall endeavour to fix a fair value on each lot according to its local advantages: previous to establishing the valuation of these lots I shall avail myself of the knowledge and experience of A. Racey and W. Holme Esquires as to the facilities that this plan possesses for transacting public business, and also the true value of each town lot, and should an additional number be advisable before these disinterested Gentlemen proceed with this duty: I beg His Excellency will make known to me his pleasure.

Having given mature consideration as to the most eligible spot on the Grand River for the erection of a Church school house and Council room, I respectfully report that I conceive the Tuscarora Village to be the most advantageous spot for a Church and school House, and the Mohawk Village the best place for a Council room.

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Should a Church be erected at some Central point on the banks of the Grand River between the Tuscarora Village and the Delaware School House, I apprehend that it would not be attended with any immediate advantage to those tribes, as very few of them have embraced the Christian Religion. I am indued to believe that the Onondaga and Delaware school houses which are built with a swing petition will answer very well for places of Divine worship for several years hence.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Rudge Esqr
Government House
York

S.B.:

Brantford 23d April 1830.

Sir,

The Delaware tribe of the Six Nation Indians having given me a statement of their losses in consequence of the dam thrown across the Grand River by the Welland Canal Company, overflowing their Corn fields and destroying their Crops, their houses, fruit trees, fences &c the which, I have the honor to enclose to you, and respectfully entreat his Excellency will be pleased to assist the sufferers in obtaining remuneration for their loss. I beg leave to state that the Delawares have valued their grain and other items charged "as follows"

Corn at the rate of	2/6.	Buckwheat at Do	1/10½
Oats — do —	1/6.	Potatoes — do —	1/10½
Beans do —	5/-.	Rye — do —	2/6
Peas — do —	2/6.	Large apple trees at	£2.10/ each
Hay at £2- per Ton.		Rails at 6/3 per hundred	

Buildings according to the expence of finishing them.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Sig.d J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Rudge Esqr.
Government House
York

S.B.:—

York 28th May 1830

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant respecting the annual estimate of presents for the Six Nations Indians I beg leave to state that my estimate for the presents, Extra articles and stationary is the same as last year, and agreeable to your request I enclose a detailed return

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very humble Servant

Signed, S: Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
&c &c &c
Indian Department
York

L.B.

Brantford 3d June 1830

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a return of the names of applicants for Village Lots, with a copy of a letter from Mr Jackson relative to the valuation of lot No. 14 South side Colborne Street, which lot I have no objection should be considered as part of the Mill Property and not seperately charged. I also enclose a petition from a number of the villagers in which they set forth that the advantages which this place possesses for transacting Commercial business is over rated, and the prices of the lots which His Excellency has approved of are too high; the which I beg you will be pleased to submit for His Excellency's Consideration.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed S: Brant
Supt. Six Nations

The Hon.ble Peter Robinson
&c &c &c
York

L.B.

Brantford 10th June 1830

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant & beg to enclose to you address an estimate of presents for the Six Nations Indians for the year one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one; with an estimate of Stationary required for my office; and also a detailed return of the Indians under my Superintendence

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very humble Servant
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
&c &c &c
Indian Department
York

York, Bradleys Hotel
1st June 1829

Sir,

I have to request the honor of an audience with His Excellency relative to the proposed dam across the Grand River by the Welland Canal Company. I am very anxious to receive His Excellency's Commands as to the nature of the explanation to be made to the Six Nation Indians on this Subject, and I therefore beg you will do me the honor to acquaint me when it will be His Excellency's pleasure to see me.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Macdge Esqr
&c &c &c
Government House

L. B.

York, Bradleys Hotel
2d June 1829

Sir,

With respect to the donation of land made by the Six Nation Indians to the late Colonel Claus, I beg that His Excellency will be pleased to allow me to be furnished with a full description

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of the boat, in order to enable me to trace the lines and ascertain the quantity mentioned in the instrument of Surrender.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signd, J: Brant
Capt. Six Na. Indns.

G. Maudge Esqr
&c &c &c
Government House

S.B.

Brantford 8th April 1829

Sir,

On the 21st February last I had the honor of an audience with His Excellency Sir John Colborne, when he was pleased to request me to write to Mr Peter Jones who had a few days prior to that date set off for New York in order to superintend the printing of some translations of the Scriptures into the Chippawa language; I beg leave for His Excellency's information to subjoin an Extract of a letter which I have received from Mr Jones, dated New York 18th March 1829.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signd, J: Brant
Capt. Six Nn. Indians

G. Maudge Esqr
&c &c &c
Government House
York

L.B.

Extract

" Yesterday I received your letter dated York 21st February
" containing His Excellency's Sir John Colbornes
" generous offer to assist us in the printing of our Chippawa
" translation of the Scriptures; I am extremely sorry that
" this information did not reach me before I left Can-
" ada, as I should have been happy to attend to the
" commands of His Excellency immediately, but I had
" not the least intimation of the subject untill I
" received your communication and letter from
" my brother John since my arrival at this place.
" In obedience to His Excellencys request I shall defer

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" defer in getting my translations of the Scriptures printed
" until I return home to Canada, - and I shall endeavour
" to return as soon as possible, and hope to be at the Credit
" in May next. I am happy to hear that His Excellency
" Sir John Colborne feels ready to do all in his power
" towards promoting the happiness and prosperity of the In-
" dians, and that on the most liberal feelings on Religious
" Subjects - and I hope that the Indians will never loose
" their attachment to and Confidence in their Great
" Father the King and his Government, but that it con-
" will be firm and strong; and that I believe will be
" the Case; their great Father showing friendship to his
" red Children and liberal feelings on Religious Subjects
" will no doubt strengthen their attachment.

" I am &c. &c.

L.B. Signd / Peter Jones

Brantford 10th August 1829

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you the necessary certificates for the pensioners in the Six Nation Indian Department for the period of the 24th July last.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signd, J. Brant
Capt. Six N. Indians

W. L. Gray Esqr.
Dy Ast. Com. General
&c. &c.
Fort George

L.B.:—

Brantford 10th August 1829.

Dr Sir,

Before I transmitted a Copy of the enclosed return to the Superintendent at Cork to enable that Officer to prepare the estimates of Indian presents required for the ensuing year in this Province, I felt it my duty to submit the matter to His Excellency Sir John Colborne who was pleased to direct that I should transmit my own return instead of the old

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one which stated the numbers to be 1854. I did not deem it necessary to mention this difficulty, – however if you require it favour me with a Note by return post

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Dear Sir

Yours truly

Sgd. J. Brant

Lieut. Colo. Coffin
pr. pr.
York

J.B.

Brantford 30th June 1830

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you the proceedings of a Council held with the Six Nations on the 29th Instant also a power of attorney appointing the Honble George H. Markland, The Honble James Baby, The Honble J. H. Dunn Trustees for the Six Nations which was signed on the 24th Instant, and I have to request that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Lieut. Governor.

I beg you will be pleased to State to His Excellency that the Chiefs were unanimous in the appointment of the above named Gentlemen their Trustees, with the exception of two individuals, namely Jacob Martin Son of George Martin and John Lewis Johnson, Son in law to George Martin.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Signed, J. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. I. F.
Upper Canada

J.B.

Proceedings of a Council held with the Six Nations at the Onondaga Council fire, Grand River, Tuesday 29th June 1830.

After the usual ceremonies of opening the Council had passed the Superintendent of the Six Nations Carefully Explained to the assembled Chiefs the purport of the Lieut. Governors Communications of the 24th Instant relative to the dispute between the Six Nations and Mr. John Claus on their Money matters.

John Jacobs, a Cayuga Chief arose and Said

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I am directed to speak for the Oneidas, Upper and lower Cayugas, Tuscaroras Tutelos and Delawares.

We do not think it necessary to recapitulate the words of the Governor, as we are fully satisfied with the Explanation given us by our Superintendent.

We are thankful that the Governor has repeated his assurance to protect us in our property and to recover our money from Mr. John Claus, and we are unanimous in confirming all the proposals that the Governor has had the kindness to make to us in order to recover our property. We confirmed on the 24th instant the appointment of the three Trustees named to us by the Governor. Mr. John Claus is four years in arrears with our interest money - We are unanimous in authorising our Superintendent to call upon the Hon.ble William Dixon to proceed to York to assist us in the recovery of our money, and to carry our affairs into a Court of Law. And we authorise our Superintendent to request that our money due to us by Mr. Boulton may be retained by the Court, and not paid to Mr. John Claus. We authorise our Superintendent to take our Cause into a Court in order that Mr. Claus may render an account of his trust since it has been committed to his Charge. We are dissatisfied with the treatment we have received from Mr. John Claus: and we are surprised that he detains our money; because the late Col. Claus received 10.000 acres of Land from the Six Nations with the understanding that he would not Call upon us for payment for his Services as our Trustee.

The late Col. Claus deceived us grossly in taking the names of a number of our Chiefs for a Grant of 16.000 acres of Land.

We are grateful to Lord Dalhousie and General Darling for refusing to confirm the Grant, and we hope that Mr. John Claus may never get any part of the land; because the Conduct of the late Col. Claus has been so extraordinary towards us. We have called upon Mr. John Claus to pay our money, but he has always refused. We thank the Governor for his satisfactory Speech, and we hope that he may be successful in his Exertions in our behalf.

Echo, a Chief of the Onondagas arose and said, my brethren of the six Nations I Salute you. I am happy that you are united. I will now Communicate to you the unanimous Sentiments of the Onondagas, Mohawks and Senecas. We have great pleasure to Confirm all the proposals that the Governor has Communicated to us this day through our Superintendent. We are glad that the business before the Council this day has been Conducted with mutual deration and an union of Sentiments; and for the future we hope that the Chiefs of the six Nations will Continue united. We rejoice to return our grateful acknowledgements to the Governor for his goodness towards us.

Certified,

Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J.B.

Grand River 14th January 1830

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th relative to the whites Cutting the timber belonging to the six Nation Indians.

I beg leave to acquaint you that I shall make it a Subject of Communication to the Lieut. Governor. In the mean time I beg you will give me more detailed information.

I beg leave to enclose you a Copy of a letter to Mr. Hardage relative to the losses sustained by the Delawares, by overflowing their Corn fields. I will esteem it a particular favour if you wile furnish me with a statement of the amount of their loss of Crops. I also enclose to you a Memorandum of monies due the Delawares, being a balance of their War losses. I will esteem it a favour if you wile assemble the individual Claimants and request them to procud to Brantford at their Earliest Convenience to receive their monies.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obt. Servant
Sig.d J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Mr. John Norton
Grand River

J.B.

Adjourned General Quarter Sessions
Niagara April 13th 1830.

Ordered — That Charles R. Felt Surveyor of Highways for the District of Niagara be requested to Survey and report to the Court at its next meeting which will be on the first monday in June next the route for a road leading from Canby Town to the Township of Rainham through the Indian Lands as adopted by the Court in January last and that John Warren, Edward Evans and Benjamin Canby Esquires be requested to accompany the said Surveyor when making the above Survey —

Signed, J. Macaulay
Chairman

(A true Copy)

For John Brant Esq.

Signed, Charles Richardson
Clk of the Peace
Dist of Niagara

L.S.B.

Sir

9th February 1830

I addressed a letter to you some time since relative to several Delaware Claimants for War Losses; in which I requested you would have the goodness to assemble the individuals. Will you now do me the favour to desire the Claimants to meet me at Brantford on Saturday next at noon. And it will be necessary for two Chiefs to be present to identify the individuals Claimants or the nearest relation

I am
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant
Sig. J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Mr. J. Norton
G. River.

L.S.B.

Mohawk Village
14th June 1830

Sir,

I beg to acquaint you Messrs. Buddin & Co. Merchants of Montreal are very desirous to purchase a number of the unoccupied village lots of Brantford, fronting on the Main street, leading from the Village towards Ancaster. The Revd. R. Cuggan is authorised by Mr. Buddin to make a purchase to the amount of two hundred and fifty pounds – I also beg leave to say that Mr. F. Whitehead Esqr. of Port Hope has written to Mr. Burwell to purchase two lots for him. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obt. Servant
Signed J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

The Honble Peter Robinson
&c. &c. &c.
York

S.B.

Mohawk Village 30th July 1830

Sir,

I beg to enclose to you address a schedule of the Town Lots in the Village of Brantford; the which His Excellency did me the honor to leave in my possession on the 27th Instant. I have to request that you will be pleased to acquaint the Lieut. Governor that the Chiefs have unanimously consented that his communications relative to the valuation of the occupied lots in Brantford should be adopted; and they are willing that a reduction upon the value which has been fixed shall be made in the proportion of one third on each occupied lot. The Chiefs request me to return their sincere thanks to His Excellency for the great trouble he has been pleased to take to settle this affair – With respect to the Mill property in the possession of Mr. Jackson, in my humble opinion it ought to be subject to the same scale of reduction as other occupied lots in the Village. At the same time I beg most respectfully to submit for His Excellency's consideration that a very material alteration should be made in the Mill privilege as it is at present held by Mr. Jackson, and in

this

and in this I am supported by the opinion of men of practical knowledge in mills and machinery - If Mr. Jackson obtains a Deed to hold the property as he has hitherto possessed it, that is to say - to have the right of building a dam completely across the Grand River, which gives him the entire controul of the whole water of the stream to the total exclusion of others. This would amount to giving him an exclusive right to all the Mill privileges on the River near Brantford. The Mill in possession of Mr. Hulbert if properly constructed might be made as valuable as that of Mr. Jacksons. But from the circumstance of the latter person having set up a Claim to the entire controul of the water of the Grand River the Mill in question has been neglected to the great loss of the public as well as the owner. — To obviate this difficulty I beg to suggest that the mill dam at present in use ought to be abandoned, which it may be without much loss as it has never been properly built and cannot be called any thing more than a temporary erection. A new dam should be built to commence further down the stream below the opening into Hulbert's Mill race to run across River diagonally so as nearly to strike the western abutment of the Grand River Bridge. This would at once open both Mr. Jacksons and Mr. Hulberts Mill races into the same common reservoir, and make Hulberts Mill privilege as good if not better than Jacksons. It may be objected that the above plan would divide the water of the River too much; but when it is known that during nine months of the year there is sufficient water to drive four mills at least, all equal to Mr. Jacksons Mill, the policy will be questioned of giving the exclusive right of controlling so many valuable mill privileges to any individual. I believe that Mr. Jackson has no legal right at present either by his lease or otherwise to set up a Claim to all the water of the River, and I therefore think that the proper time to explain and put to rest any question that may arise respecting these Mill privileges,

and

and the right of each to be supplied with water from the River should be made before the deeds from the Crown are given to the respective proprietors; and it would also be proper to stipulate at the same time that the building of a new mill dam should be at the joint expence of all the mill proprietors who would be benefited by its erection. If His Excellency should think fit to adopt the above proposed plan, it would not be requisite to make a large reduction in the price of Mr. Albots Mill property, as it would become (under the new arrangement) of three times more value than it is at present.

It is already known to His Excellency how much the erection of the present mill has contributed to the rise of Brantford, and in a Country so fertile and capable of improvement as this vicinity presents, every encouragement ought to be given to the erection of other mills, which could not fail to add greatly to the prosperity of Brantford and the Country around it.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedient and very Humble Servant

Signed / J. Brant

Capt. Six Nations

J. Rudyerd Esq.
&c. &c. &c.
Government House
York

L.S.

Speech of the Chief Echo, of the Onandaga Tribe of the Six Nations after the receipt of the Interest money — Mohawk Village 27th July 1830 — Echo arose in behalf of the Six Nations.

We very much approve of the recommendations of the Lieut. Governor that the valuation of the lots inhabited in Brantford shall be reconsidered, and we are perfectly willing to confirm what the Governor and Capt. Brant will do in that business. We repeat that we shall be fully satisfied with any thing that you (addressing himself to Capt Brant) shall do in this affair, our vote is unanimous. We will now speak of another subject — We wish that in your next communication to the Lieut. Governor you will request that we may receive our presents from the King at an early period of the season —

L.S.

Brantford 21st. Novr. 1830

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 13th. Inst. I beg to forward to you a return of the Goods or presents that were issued to the Six Nation Indians at this place on the 16th October last.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

Signed, J: Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins

Chief Superintendent

Indian Department

Upper Canada

York

P.S.

Return of Goods or presents issued to the Six Nation Indians at Brantford on the Sixteenth day of October 1830.

102¼ Yards of Cloth	11442 Yards Seaming or binding
598¼ " " Ratteen	341 ounces of vermillion
234 — 1 point Blankets	1258 awls —
311 — 1½ " — " do —	609 Fire Steels
340 — 2 " — " do.	2516 Sewing Needles
649 — 2½ " — " do —	1218 Hunters pipes
609 — 3 " — " do —	1287 pounds of Ball
6 Silk Handkerchiefs	4401 " — " Shot
6 Chief laced Hats	1896 pounds of Gun powder
4 Plain do —	609 Gun worms —
528½ ounces Sewing thread	

Extra Articles - Articles not included in Scale of Equipments

6 pairs of Silver arm bands.	100 pairs of Scissors
1000 Silver Broaches	24 Gun Locks
1000 pairs of Ear bobs	(240) 20 Dozen Looking Glasses
12 common Guns	1000 Yards of Ribbons
50 Brass Kettles	250 yds. Russia or Scotch Sheeting
50 Tin Kettles.	

Indian Department, Brantford 21st. Novr. 1830

Sig.d J: Brant

Supt. Six Nations

P.S. —

Mohawk Village 27th October 1830

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Inst. relative to the land on which the Mohawk Church stands – I will carefully explain the same to the six Nations at their next general Council.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Signed, S. Brant

Supt. Six N.

J. Mudge Esqr
&c &c &c
Government House
York

S.B.

Brantford 13th November 1830.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at the commencement of the Survey of the Town plot of Brantford, I authorized Mr. Lewis Burwell D.P. Surveyor to engage two Chain bearers at 5/ Cy each per day – and axemen at 3/9 Cy each per day – and I beg to state that I required Mr. Burwells services to accompany me to York to afford explanations relative to the Situation of Brantford in the latter part of May last.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obt. Humble Servant

Signed) S. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

The Honble
Peter Robinson
&c &c &c
York

S.B.

Brantford 11th December 1830

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 3d. Inst. relative to accounts, paylists &c and also a Copy of instructions received from the Lords of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Sig^d. S. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indian
Department
York

S.B.

Mohawk Village 18th Decr. 1830

Sir,

I beg leave most respectfully to state to you for the information of His Excellency that almost daily I have applications for the purchase of lots in the Village of Brantford, but His Excellency having directed that the business relative to Brantford should be transacted through the ~~Crown~~ Commissioner for Crown Lands, and not having been able to give the applicants any satisfactory answer I have consequently effected no sales.

A number of the applicants would probably have erected buildings this season if an actual sale of the lots had taken place, as several individuals have the materials for building upon the ground — a few of the intending settlers have made some progress upon the lots whereon they intended to erect houses and shops — but these persons being uncertain when a sale would take place have declined building for the present — Two persons were forbid to proceed with their work by Sedediah Jackson and W. J. Dutton who set up some pretentions to the right of soil where these persons intended to build — I beg leave further to state I am apprehensive that in consequence of the uncertainty of the time of sale of the Village lots that a number of those who intended to settle at Brantford may locate themselves elsewhere.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed, S. Brant
L. S. M.

J. Macaye Esqr.
Government House
&c. &c. &c.
York

L.S.B.

Brantford 11th Decr. 1830

Sir,

The bearer hereof Adam Adkins is desirous to purchase in the Town plot of Brantford, lot number three King Street, he is prepared to pay the first instalment.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most obedient Humble servant
Sigd / S. Brant Capt. Six Nations

The Hon.le Peter Robinson
&c. &c. &c.
York

L.S.B. —

Brantford 16th December 1830

Sir,

I have frequent applications for the purchase of lots in this Village, and take the liberty to enclose one that I have just received; and hope that you will be pleased to favour me with an answer by return of post.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obt. Servant

Signed, S. S. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

The Honble

Peter Robinson

&c. &c. &c

York

S.S.B.

York 20th Jany 1831

Sir,

Having been favoured with the minutes in Council of the 14th instant, relative to the petition of the ~~Inhabitants~~ Settlers in the Village of Brantford; I beg to state, 1st. That the Six Nations do not recognise an equitable Claim by the individuals whose names are inserted in the plan of Survey, because their Leases were not obtained from the Six Nations in General Council, but surreptitiously from a few individual Indians who have been duped to comply with the intriguing designs of the Lessees. These are the grounds upon which the Six Nations object to the possession of any such person being confirmed by title. 2ndly As to the prices which would be proper such individuals should pay, I beg to state, that the Six Nations will be satisfied with a deduction of one third on the prices first recommended by me on the occupied lots. 3dly That the Six Nations do not consider themselves remunerated by any agreements which the Lessees have made with individuals; because individuals have no right to convey the common property of the Six Nations. Although it may be possible that some of the occupiers of lots may have paid to individuals a partial remuneration, who without legal right gave the possession, it cannot in justice and equity follow, that the Six Nations should be satisfied, or bound to comply with such sales; because if this principle be admitted a few individuals might soon dispose of the property of the whole Six Nations

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient Humble Servant, Sig^d S.B. Sup^t. Six Nations

To J. Mudge Esqr.
P.P.
York

S.B.

Brantford 30th June 1830

Sir,

The Chiefs of the Six Nations at a General Council held on the 29th Instant authorised me to request that you would have the Goodness to proceed to York as soon as possible to communicate with the Kings Law Officers relative to the dispute between the Six Nations and Mr John Claus, Executor of the late Col Claus. Mr John Claus having refused to pay to them the amount of Cash which he has received as their Trustee —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obt. Humble Servant
Signed / J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

The Hon.ble William Dixon
Atty. for the Six Nations
&c &c York

J.B.

Brantford 16th October 1830

Sir,

I have closed the issue of pursuits to the Six Nations, and if the articles necessary to complete my requisition have arrived or may arrive in a few days at York I hope they may be forwarded immediately to enable me to complete the issue.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obt. Servant
Signed / J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. Rudall Esqr.
Asst. Com.r Gen.l
York

J.B.

Copy of a Minute in Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. (see the answer on page 45)

In Council 14th January 1831

The Council recommend 1st that Captain Brant as superintendent of the Six Nations, should be requested, to state on their behalf, whether the Indians are satisfied, that the Individuals, whose names are inserted on the Plan of Survey, of the Village of Brantford,

have

have an equitable Claim to receive titles for the lots covered by their names respectively. And if they are not satisfied, then to state on what particular Ground they object to the possession of any such person being Confirmed by title.

2dly As to the price which it would be proper such individuals should pay. The Council recommend, that Mr Brant should be requested to state, on behalf of the Indians, whether they have, or have not considered themselves to be justly remunerated, according to the Agreements made by them at the time, for the several parcels of land, (included in the Town plot which they allowed to be possessed by white people) and if in any case they conceive themselves not to have been remunerated according to their agreement, to state the particulars of such case.

Signed
John Beikie
Council Clerk

L.B.

Brantford Upper Canada
24th Feby. 1831

Sir,

Having received a letter from the Chief Superintendent of the Indian Department (a copy of herewith enclosed) I have the honor to transmit a return for pay, lodging Money and pensions for the current period.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed S. Brant
Capt. Six Nations

Lt. Col. Napier
Secretary Indian
Affairs Quebec

L.B.

P. T. O.

P.S. I would have transmitted the return at an earlier period, but have been prevented by severe indisposition. —

Signed,
S. B.

L.B.

Brantford 2d. March 1831

Sir,

In consequence of being detained at Fort George by severe indisposition I did not return to this place after having left York untill the 20th. Ultto, and on the 22d I gave notice to the Chiefs of the Six Nations to meet me in Council on the 28th. at the Onandaga Council fire, and after the usual ceremonies of Condolence I carefully explained to the Chiefs your letter of the 31st December 1830. in which you intuation that the Lt. Governor had been authorised to state that Mr. Claus will give up the whole of his Estate and property to the Indians of the Six Nations with a view of their being appropriated to the liquidation of the debt which Mr. Claus has incurred by withholding the annual payments for which he was trustee — when Fish Carrier a Lower Cayuga arose and said that His Excellency the Lt. Governor had assured them that all his communications would be addressed direct to the Chiefs of the Onondaga Council fire and therefore would not reply to the letter that had just been explained to them. The Mohawks, Oneidas and upper Cayugas were surprised to hear the words of the lower Cayugas, — That it was contrary to the customs and usages of the Six Nations to refuse to answer a communication that His Excellency the Lt. Governor had directed the superintendent to explain to the assembled Chiefs — The conduct of the lower Cayugas was so extraordinary that I considered it my duty to close the Council immediately and to report the circumstance for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
&c &c &c
York

S.B.

Brantford 2d. March 1831

Sir,

In reply to your Communication of the 5th ultto. I have the honor to report that I have transmitted to Lt. Colonel Napier Secretary of Indian Affairs at Quebec a return of pay for myself and all those of the Department at this post for February last, and herewith enclose a similar return for the current period.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed J. B. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

P.S.

Indian Department
Brantford 4th March 1831

Sir,

After leaving York I went to Fort George to receive my pay &c. and was then detained through indisposition until the 19th ultto, when I proceeded to the Grand River to resume my official duties, and arrived on the following day.

With respect to the complaint of Aaron DeKaghtese against Mr. Gaig of the Commissariat, agreeably to the commands of His Excellency Sir John Colborne I have investigated the subject matter referred to in your letter of the 30th December last, and have the honor to report the result of my inquiries.

Previous to leaving York I addressed J. B. Clench Esq.r on the subject, enclosing a copy of your letter, and herewith transmit a copy of his reply marked (A) — In a subsequent letter I advised Mr. Clench of my intention to be at home on the 20th ultto, and of my wish to see him — He arrived on the same evening, and I desired Aaron DeKaghtese to meet us the next day; but the weather being stormy he did not come until the succeeding day, when the following explanation took place.

He

He denied having made any complaint against Mr Greig or against Mr Clench; that he never was requested to sign a receipt in full; that the latter Gentleman had been his agent for a long time; that he had ever found him obliging and strictly honest, and still had the highest confidence in him, that he had never been requested to take an old Coat, Cap &c. in part payment for the money due him, and expressed sorrow that a report so unjust should have been communicated to the Lt. Governor, He also stated that he had not seen Mr Clench since the receipt of the payment as per receipt (B) that he went to York last Spring to receive the balance and Mr. Clench had left that station – He further said it never was his intention to make any complaint, that he merely requested Mr Luggar (in my absence) to write to Mr. Clench for the money which he had left in his hands –

Mr. Clench then produced an account & paid the balance and received a discharge in full – a copy of which is herewith enclosed (C).

I beg leave to enclose a copy of Mr Clench's letter to me of the 22d. December 1828 (D) as referred to in his letter of the 28th January last.

The documentary evidence referred to in this report, together with the personal examination of Baron DeKaghterese, clearly demonstrates there was no just cause for complaint.

It is to be regretted that any unauthorized ignorant of the manner in which Indians are in the habit of expressing themselves, should have intruded and given His Excellency unnecessary trouble, and thereby wounding the feelings of two Gentlemen whose Characters and standing in their respective departments place them above suspicion.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

L.B.

A.

Colborne River Thames
29th January 1831

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing copy of a letter from the Chief Superintendent to you on the subject of a complaint made by Aaron Dekaghtesane late School Master, against Mr Gray of the Commissariat, and I am happy of having it in my power to contradict a representation void of truth

Aaron did not receive a shilling from Mr Gray; but under his power of attorney I received between fifty three and fifty six pounds; and tendered to him the exact amount received; which he refused to accept on the plea that when at home he sometimes became intemperate, that his companions might take advantage of his indiscretion, consequently it would not be safe for him to receive the whole amount for which he had then no use. And to refute his false assertions I have only to refer to his receipt for the money paid him, unfortunately the voucher is among my private papers at Niagara, and yet it is not in my power to state from memory the exact sum received, the sum paid, and the balance still in my hands - I shall send for my papers and hope soon to be enabled to close the agency in a clear and satisfactory manner in your presence. I merely undertook it to oblige him, and would have closed it long since had he called on me for that purpose.

In conclusion, I beg to call to your recollection the circumstance of my having written to you on the preceding subject (Aaron was the bearer) and in reply you observed he expressed himself well satisfied, and that you approved of his discretion in leaving a balance in the hands of

Yours truly
Signed J. B. Clench

John Brant Esquire
Capt. Six Nations
&c &c &c
York

L.B.

£35. **B.**

Received of J. B. Clench the sum of thirty five pounds on account of arrearages of pay due to me as School Master I. Dept.

York 22d December 1828.

a true copy
Signed/ S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations.

Signed/
Aaron DeKaghtesere

L.B.

C.

Dr. Aaron DeKaghtesere in account with Joseph B. Clench Cr.

1828						1828					
Decr.	22d	To Cash paid as per receipt	35	"	"	Octr.	3	By cash received from Dy Asst. Com. General Isaac Brig	53.	6.	8.
1831 Febr.	3d	Balance	18.	6	8						
		Sterling £	53	6.	8.			Sterling £	53	6.	8.

Know all men by these presents that I Aaron DeKaghtesere School Master in the Indian Department do hereby acknowledge the above account to be correct, and in Consideration of the sum of Eighteen pounds, six shillings and eight pence the balance therein set forth I do acquit and discharge the said J. B. Clench from all debts, dues and demands to this date.

Witness
Signed/ S. Brant

Brantford 23d February 1831
Signed/ Aaron DeKaghtesere

A true Copy
Signed/ S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

L.B.

D.

York 22d Decr. 1828

My dear Sir,

I send this by Aaron the Tuscarora school master to whom I have this day paid thirty five pounds Sterling on account of his arrearages of pay due to him for thirty two months, and the balance he chooses to leave in my hands until his circumstances need it.

I am my dear Sir
Truly Yours
Signed/ J. B. Clench

John Brant Esqr
Capt. Six Nations
Brantford

Indian Department
Brantford 28th March 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a return of the names of the persons borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servt
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

S.B.

Indian Department
Brantford 28th March 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Inst. and will loose no time in directing Aaron Oakaghtadere late Schoolmaster in the Indian Department to proceed to York forthwith.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt. Servt.
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn. Dept.
York

S.B.

Brantford 16th April 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant enclosing a copy of a General Order dated Quebec 5th February 1830.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servt
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn. Dept.
York

S.B.

Indian Department
Brantford 28th April 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a return of the names of the persons borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the current period.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant
Signd/ S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

L.B.

Brantford 30th April 1831

Sir,

I beg leave to state that I have for several months past been under the necessity to purchase all the stationary I have used in my office. A box containing Stationary having arrived at York for my post I most respectfully request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the same to be forwarded to me

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signd/ S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn. Dept.
York

L.B.

Brantford 30th April 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to report that at a Council of the Six Nations of Indians held at the Onondaga fire on the 20th Inst. the Chiefs have confirmed their former vote for the lands for the new Road leading from Cayuga across the Grand River Tract to the Township of Rainham by subscribing their hands and affixing their seals to the Surrender agreeably to the Survey performed by Mr. Lewis Burwell D. P. S. the said Chiefs request that the few persons

being upon the Banks of the said Grand River may not be disturbed.

After I had explained your letter of the 31st. Decr. 1830, to the assembled Chiefs relative to Mr. Claus' offer to give up the whole of his Estate &c. &c. the Chiefs beg that they may be informed of the situation and quality of the land, also the price, with the description of any other property which Mr. Claus proposes to surrender in liquidation of his debt.

With respect to the Gov.t Road the Chiefs have confirmed their former vote, and have promised to sign the surrender reserving the farms of a few individuals on the Banks of the River.

With respect to the Welland Canal, the chiefs entreat His Excellency will be pleased to demand of the Directors of the Company to cause immediate payment to be made for the loss of their property, and to consider the great inconvenience they have experienced by being deprived of the advantages of their fisheries, since the Erection of the Dam the fish cannot ascend the River

Dam on fish

I have the honor to be

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Ind.n Dept.
York

Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

L.S.B.

Proceedings of a Council held with the Six Nations at the Onondaga Council fire 20th April 1831

The Superintendent Explained His Excellency's letter to the assembled Chiefs about Mr Claus' offer to give up his estates in liquidation of the debt he has incurred by withholding the money intrusted to him.

Oneida Joseph said, we thank the Governor for his letter concerning our money matters, we should like to be informed as to the situation and quality of the land and other property Mr Claus proposes to surrender.

With respect to the road the Six Nations have confirmed their former vote by subscribing the

Surrender

Summon and request that our people living on the Banks of the Grand River may not be disturbed.

With respect to the Goamors road we confirm our former vote reserving the farms of our people residing on the Banks of the Grand River.

With respect to the Welland Canal we hope that His Excellency will request the directors of the Company to cause immediate payment to be made for the loss of our property, and consider the amount of compensation of being deprived of fish as they cannot ascend the river since the erection of the Dam.

Dam
Fish

Certified,
Signed / S. Brant
Dep. Superintendent

S.B.

Brantford 13th July 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an estimate of sums required for the Six Nation Indian Department for the ensuing period.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Indian Department
York

S.B.

Brantford 13th July 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 7th and 9th Inst. and will lose no time in communicating their contents to the Six Nation Indians.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Indian Department
York

S.B.

Brantford 18th July 1831

Sir,

I beg you will please to acquaint His Excellency the Lt. Governor that on the 16th Instant I carefully explained to each tribe of the Six Nations your letters of the 7th and 9th Inst. The Chiefs will attend a General Council on the 26th of the present Month to take into Consideration the Subject which His Excellency has been pleased to recommend.

When His Excellency shall be able to arrive at this place the Chiefs earnestly hope that His Excellency will be pleased to meet them at the usual place, the Onondaga Council fire.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn
Dept.
York

S.B.

Brantford 19th July 1831

Sir,

I beg you will be pleased to acquaint His Excellency the Lieut. Governor that on the 16th I carefully Explained to each tribe of the Six Nations your letters of the 7th and 9th Inst. The Chiefs will attend a general Council on the 26th of the present month to take into Consideration the Subject which His Excellency has been pleased to recommend.

When His Excellency shall be able to arrive at this place the Chiefs earnestly hope that he will be pleased to meet them at the usual place, the Onondaga Council fire.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

S.B.

Indian Department
Brantford 3d. August 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a return of the names of the persons borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the present month

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / D. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

S.B.

Brantford 15th August 1831

Sir,

I leave this today for Niagara with the return and vouchers for my Department up to the 31st. of last month; and would be happy to have His Excellency's leave to remain a few days on the frontier for the benefit of my health which has been seriously impaired for some time past,

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / D. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Ind.n Department.
York

S.B.

Brantford 20th. August 1831.

Sir,

In consequence of my late severe indisposition I addressed a note to you on the 15th. Inst. applying for His Excellency's leave to remain a few days on the Niagara Frontier for the benefit of my health – I beg you will be pleased to favour me with His Excellency's answer at your earliest convenience, as my medical advisers have recommended a change of air and scenery,

I have the honor to be
Sir / Your most obt. Servant
Sig.d / D. Brant. Supt. Six Nations

Colo. Givins
Chief Supt. Ind.n Dept.
York

Brantford 29th August 1831

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th Inst. I beg leave with to enclose my requisition for presents and also the extra articles for the service of the Six Nations for the present year; subjoining a return of the numbers in each Clan or tribe required to be equipped.

I will thank you to submit the enclosed requisition and return for the approval of His Excellency Major General Sir John Colborne. I have to request you will be pleased to state to His Excellency that at the earnest desire of the Chiefs I have not included fifty nine persons of the Tuscarora tribe who have located themselves at the Grand River since the late American War in the present return: in consequence of a General order issued by His Lordship the Earl of Dalhousie late Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in this Country refusing to extend His Majesty's Bounty to those individuals.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

J. R. Foote Esqr
Asst. Comy. Genl.
York

L.S.B.

Brantford August 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a return of the names of the persons borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the month of September 1831.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Ind. Dpartment
York

L.S.B.

Brantford 14th September 1831

Sir,

On my return yesterday from the Niagara Frontier I had the honor to receive your communication of the 7th Inst. but as I have not entirely recovered from the Effects of my illness I am under the necessity to postpone my departure to York for a few days.

With reference to the frequent complaints of dissensions among the Six Nations, be pleased to state to His Excellency Major General Sir John Colborne, that those dissensions have existed more than twenty years. That it is unnecessary at present to enter into detail and to assure His Excellency that I have for a long time endeavoured to put an end to the existance of two parties amongst them.

I have given Notice to the Chiefs to assemble in general Council on the 19th Instant, when I shall communicate the contents of your letters dated the 9th and 10th inst.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed J: Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

P.S.

Brantford 14th September 1831

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in which you state that the number of Tuscarora Indians not included in my return of the 29th ultto. shall be equipped with presents by the order of His Excellency Major General Sir John Colborne

I have the honor to enclose a correct copy from the written return furnished me by the Black Chief and several of the individuals not included in my former return stating the Total number to be 193 making an increase of thirteen upon the written return handed me by Dayckawehne who stated the total number of the tribe to be 180, and deduct fifty nine from this number will leave one hundred and twenty one according to my return of the 29th ultto.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient
Humble Servant, Sig.d J: Brant
Supt. Six Nations

F. R. Foote Esq.r
Asst. Com.r Gen.l York

List of the Names of the Delegated Chiefs to attend a Council at York 28th September 1831 —

Upper Mohawks.	Jacob Lewis, Moses Walker,	Isaack Lock, Jacob Green.
Lower Mohawks.	Jacob Martin, Daniel Springer	George Martin, John Johnson.
Oneidas.	Oneida Joseph, Kanyankoton,	Peter Green, Jacob Twofish,
Onandagas.	Echo, John Beaufoot,	Clear Sky, Skanawate.
Senecas	Henry Dickson,	Nikarontasa's Son
Upper Cayugas	Joseph Doxstrader, Sah-weahati,	Teka-ongon, Jacob Ranyarote,
Lower Cayugas.	Peter Fish Carrier, Cawsey.	John Jacobs
Tuscaroras.	Black Chief, Peter Tehanatagwa,	Soweakanese, Silver.
Old Nanticokes	Sathan,	Sakokayas,
Tutelas	Tekarakwen, Harris.	John Fish and

L.B.

Brantford 11th Octr. 1831

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose an estimate for the Six Nation Indian Department for the present month.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obt. Servant

Signed / A: Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Col. Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

L.B.

Brantford 16th October 1831

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst. and in reply I can only say that before the Survey was completed Mr. Burwell was ordered to the Survey of the Township of Luther – the returns of which he is now preparing for your office, and as Mr. B. is to be at York in a few days I beg to refer you to him as to particulars respecting the Survey at the Grand River. He will take with him the plan and the accounts of the Survey as far as it has been made.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant
signed) D. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

W. Claus Esqr.
Actg. Supt. Genl
&c &c &c
Clerk

S.B. –

Brantford 1st November 1830

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you an Estimate for the Six Nations Indian Department for the Current period.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
signed) D. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Ind. Dept.
York

S.B.

Niagara 19th Nov. 1831

Sir,

Have the Goodness to acquaint the Hon.ble the Commissioner for Crown Lands, that the Surrender from the Six Nations Indians to the Crown for the lands on both sides of the new Road leading from Canby Town to the Township of Rainham is in my possession, and I will forward the same to his office immediately. I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant
signed) D. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Mr. S. Burwell
&c &c
York

S.B.

Brantford 23d. Nov. 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Surrender from the Six Nation Indians to the Crown for the lands on both sides of the new road leading from Cayuga Town to the Township of Rainham.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obt. Servant

Sigd. S. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

The Hon.ble
Peter Robinson
Pr. Pr. Pr.
York

S.B.

Brantford 3d. Dec. 1831

Sir,

I beg to Enclose the Estimate for the Six Nation Indian Department for the present month — And to mention that B. Caine Superannuated Blacksmith died recently.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

S.B.

Brantford 5th Dec. 1831

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst. Enclosing a Note from the Attorney General respecting the Conduct of Capt. Jack, I will use every means in my power to induce him to return the Horse

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient Servt.
Sigd / S. Brant
Supt. Ind.n Dept.

Col. Givins
Chief Supt. of
Indian affairs
York

S.B.

Brantford 5th December 1831

Dear Sir,

Permit me to enclose you a petition from the Six Nation Indians, in which they respectfully remonstrate against the proposed improvement of the Navigation of the Grand River by throwing dams across said River: It certainly would be fraught with evils of the greatest magnitude to the interests of the Indians; It is unnecessary for me to enter into detail as you are so well acquainted with the situation of the petitioners, and also the inexpressible loss they have already experienced — May I beg that you will have the goodness to present the petition to your Honorable House at your earliest convenience.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Signd/ J. Brant

Colo. Warren
M. P.
&c. &c. &c
York

N.B.

Brantford 8th Decr. 1831

Sir,

In compliance with my message having reference to your letter of the 1st Inst. Capt. Isaac called upon me yesterday — and stated that the House in question had died, that he would proceed to York in the early part of the ensuing week with the intention to settle the affair — He further states that he was present at the Examination before James Racey Esqr. when it appeared that the animal had been sold by Baker to Oniel — Capt. Isaac is prepared to prove that Baker was not the legal owner of the animal at the time of sale to Oniel, this part Capt. Isaac could not establish before Mr. Racey, his witnesses not being present.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obt. Servt.
Signd/ J. Brant
Capt. S. N.

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indian
Department
York

N.B.

York 18th June 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you an estimate for presents for the Service of the Six Nations for the year 1832, and also an Estimate for Stationary.

I have the honor to be

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / S. S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

L.B.

Brantford 9th January 1832

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you the Estimate for the Six Nation Indian Dept. for the present month.

I have the honor to be

Col. Givins
Chief Supt.
Indn. Dept.
York

Sir
Your most obedient
and Humble Servant
Signed / S. S. Brant
Supt. Indn. Dept.

L.B.

Brantford 27th January 1832

Sir,

Having been at Fort George with the Monthly returns for the pensioners of the Six Nations, I have thereby been prevented replying to your letter of the 13th Inst. at an earlier period; I have now the honor to enclose to you a statement of the Stationary I received last summer; being half a box, the which I assumed to contain half the quantity enumerated in my Estimate transmitted to you under date of the 10th June 1830, for the use of this Station; and the quantity remaining unexpended up to the 31st December 1831. Also an estimate of the quantity required for the Service of the year ending on the 31st December 1832 —

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / S. S. B.
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn. Department
York

L.B.

Brantford 31st Jan. 1832

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you the Estimate of the Six Nation Indian Department for the month of February 1832.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn
Department
York

L.B.

Brantford 8th February 1832

Sir,

I recd. your letter of the 17th ultto. relative to Onida Joseph, and beg leave to enclose his memorial for an allowance with the accompanying certificates which you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant
Signed / S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Indn. Department
York

L.B. —

Brantford 9th Febr. 1832

Sir

Frequent complaints have been made to me by the Indians that a certain Shop Keeper in the Village of Brantford is in the habit of taking Pledges; such as guns, blankets, & other articles of Clothing; from those people — An Indian of the Tuteelo tribe states yesterday that he had been induced to pledge his blanket for one Shilling & ten pence half penny, & if he did not redeem it by the 11th Instt (he the Tuteelo) must lose the only Covering he had to protect him from the Severity of the Season — It would be very Satisfactory to the Six Nations generally to be informed if there is a law or any Summary mode by which such an improper & illicit traffic could be prevented —: I shall feel extremely obliged if His Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B. would be pleased to direct the law Officers of the Crown to furnish me with their written opinion on this ~~opinion~~ subject. —

I have the honor &c &c
Signed S. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indn. Deptt.

Brantford 16th Feby 1832

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you my account of travelling expences incurred in proceeding on public duty from this Station to York and returning several times; and also for allowances whilst I was Stationary at York — the which I beg you will submit for the favourable consideration of His Excellency Major General Sir John Colborne K.C.B.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obt. Servt.
J. B
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indian
Department
York

Brantford 16th Feby. 1832

Sir

Having some time since received a letter from Samuel Street, John Warren, and David Thorburn Esquires arbitrators appointed to ascertain the damages claimed by the Indians of the Six Nations against the Welland Canal Company; and to prefer on behalf of those tribes a statement of the losses they have sustained; —

The Chiefs have requested me to employ a Competant person to Survey and ascertain the quantity of Land inundated — I have deemed it proper to report the Circumstance through you to His Excellency Sir John Colborne K. C. B. and to await his instructions

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obt. Servt.
Signed / J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Indian Department
York

Brantford 17th Feby. 1832

Sir,

Captain Jack called here yesterday and handed me the enclosed Deposition and requested me to transmit the same to you - two Names are inserted in the Deposition which remain incomplete, it appears by Captain Jack's Statement that the individuals Could not appear before the Magistrate in consequence of indisposition

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. S. N.

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt.
Indian Depart.
York

Brantford 22 Feby 1832

Dear Sir

I will not fail to attend to your request respecting the singular & indeed troublesome Conduct of my pensioners - I am determined for the future to adopt a concise plan with those pensions; they must sign the pension lists before I transmit them to your Office, or to give a power of Attorney to some one residing at Fort George to receive their money and to give the necessary receipts

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
(Signed) J. Brant

Mr. Bailey Esqr.
Dy Asst. Comy Genl.
Fort George

Brantford 7th Feby 1832

Sir,

In answer to your Circular letter of the 13th Ultoo I have the honor to enclose a Statement of the pay and pension List of the Indian Department at this Station

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. of Nation

Colonel Givins
Chief Supt. Indian
Department
York

Brantford 7th February 1832

Dear Sir

I have your favour enclosing A. Hill's receipt which he has signed; & I return them by Mr Muirhead of this place — the return for Feb.y are Complete — Hester Hill is very infirm from extreme old age & is now seriously ill. I have taken her receipt for the Amount due her from 1st Sept.r to 31st Dec.r 1831. the which I hope you will find Correct; Mr Muirhead is authorized to receive the Money due to the Pensioners, in future do not I beg of you forget to pay the Post — please to send me a few blanks for my allowances & pay

Dear Sir
Yours truly
(Signed) J. Brant

A. Bailey Esq.r
D.y Asst Com.y Genl
Fort George.

Brantford 10th March 1832. —

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 28th Ult.o with its several enclosures; and I regret exceedingly that I was not in possession of all the existing regulations for making out accounts of travelling expences; or I should most certainly have avoided the necessity of revising them. With respect to the remarks of Asst Com.y Genl Foote, permit me to state that Items 1. 3. 4. 5. 10 & 11. are reduced to Sterling having been paid in Provincial Currency at five shillings to the dollar "as follows: for Breakfast 1/10½ Currency equal to 1/8¼ Sterling, for Supper & lodging at 2/6 equal to 2/3 Sterling & the Charges for Conveyance were paid in Curry. at 20/. equal to 18/. Sterling — With respect to Item 12 I cannot furnish the required Certificate because whilst on duty at York I had not lodgings retained in Brantford, but as I was actually at the expence of this Item I conceived it proper to make the Charge — I have therefore left it out in the Corrected account — as also one days allowance in Item 2 — which I beg you will be pleased to submit for His Excellency Sir John Colborne's favourable recommendation to Head Quarters —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt —
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt Sep Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendant
Indian Dept —
York

Brantford 13th March 1832

Sir

Complaint having been made that you frequently receive in pledge or exchange articles of Clothing blankets and fire arms belonging to the Indians – having deemed it proper to report a recent Complaint of that description against you to His Excellency the Lt. Governor and in answer I have been furnished with the opinion of His Majesty's Solicitor General on the subject – unless you desist from such practices in future it will be my duty to inform the law against you

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. I. N.

Mr. Nathan Gage
Brantford

Brantford 28th March 1832.

Dear Sir,

If it is not giving you too much trouble I shall feel extremely obliged for a Copy of the Evidence against Richard Duncan, who is confined in Hamilton jail – I believe the prisoner was brought before you for examination

Your faithful Servant
(Signed) J. Brant

Mr. Crooks Esqr.
Ancaster

Brantford 28th March 1832.

Sir,

The friends of Richard Duncan who is confined in Hamilton jail, are very anxious to know if the prisoner could be ~~to~~ admitted bail, & in what manner the same could be effected – Your kind assistance will oblige –

Your faithful Servt
J. Brant.

Mr. Sheriff Jarvis
&c &c &c
Hamilton

Indian Department
Brantford 3 April 1832

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you a return of the individuals borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Depart=
=ment for the present month

I have to report the death of Tekyothsoth a wounded Cayuga pensioner; he died on the 24th Ult.o

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. B. Grant
Supt. S. N.

Col. Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Proceedings of a Council of the Six Nations held at the Onondaga Council fire 5th April 1832 – The Council was opened by the Onondaga Chief Clear Sky with the usual Ceremonies –

When Isaac Kick – said let me recommend to you to pay no attention to falsehood & idle reports that have so disturbed your deliberations such was not the case with our forefathers – their Councils were al=ways characterized by an union of sentiments & should you continue to depart from the usual Customs of our Chiefs who are dead & gone you will do a great injury to your Women & Children. –

Isaac Lock a principal Mohawk Chief arose & said – We have all heard the words of our Superintendent relative to the unpleasant event of a white man Coming amongst us to take an account of our property & to compel us to pay an annual tax – I suggest to the Chiefs the propriety of addressing the Governor on this unexpected and grievous affair & to enquire if the assessment has taken place by his directions – those are the sentiments of the Upper Mohawks. –

Oneida Joseph Arose & said – I speak for the Oneidas Cayugas & Tuscaroras. We are much distressed at this most unlooked for event; We mean that a white man has called upon us for an ac==count of our property & to pay taxes – We have not been informed of this affair by the Governor or our Superintendent – the Governor

told

told us at York last that we should not pay taxes until we should take a Deed for our Lands; none of us have a Deed & to our astonish=ment we are now called upon to pay taxes – if this unpleasant event has taken place without the sanction of the Governor we hope that he not refuse to inform us. –

John Smoke Johnson said for the Lower Mohawks – We have heard the words of our Superintendent – There is only two of us in Council but our Chiefs have deputed us to speak for them. & referred to the words of the Governor of the 28th Sept. 1831. & the Ancient Customs of the Six Nations & we Concur in the suggestion of addressing the Governor on this painful subject & to send a Deputation to wait upon the Governor. –

The Onondaga Chief Echo said we have heard the sentiments of your respective tribes for which we thank you – We Confirm your Vote for addressing the Governor & referred to the Governors promise of protection. We see by every days experience that we cannot protect our property from the constant aggressions of the White people, they destroy our timber in every quarter of our Lands & how can we prevent them – We hope the Governor will favour us with another visit & afford the Six Nations an opportunity to express their sentiments – We recommend that the Oneidas do Carry our words to the Governor as we have Confidence in them – We will now speak of another Subject – Our Messengers to the Governor must be authorized to Call upon our trustees for our Money – for we are much in want of it –

(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Certified

Brantford 8th April 1832.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose to you the proceedings of a Council of the Six Nations held on the 5th Inst. the which you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency Sir John Colborne

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

The Oneida & Aughquaga tribes have requested me most respfully to represent to His Excellency The Lt. Governor that they have at great labour & expence erected a Saw Mill which has been in successful operation for some time past; & to accomplish this desirable object they have been under the necessity to incur a considerable amount of debt; that the Mill dam was ~~built~~ last Autumn, but the winter season having set in so unusually early the could not accomplish it in so substantial a manner as they wished or intended; that the high water this Spring has greatly injured said dam, that they cannot raise a sufficient Sum of Money to enable them to repair the damages they have sustained —

The Oneidas & Aughquagas solicit assistance from His Excellency The Lt. Governor to liquidate their debt & to repair the Mill dam — Lt. Governor having been pleased to state to the Chiefs at York on the 28th Sept. last that he would assist any tribe or tribes in the Completion of Saw Mills

(Signed) I. Brant
Supt. S. N.

Certified

20th April 1832.

Brantford 20th April 1832

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you the substance of a communication made to me by the Chiefs of the Oneida & Aughquaga Indians relative to a Saw Mill that they have erected on their reservation; which I beg you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency the Lt. Governor

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obt. Servant
(Signed) I. Brant
Supt. S. N.

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York.

Brantford 24th April 1832

Sir,

I take the liberty to address you by the earnest request of the relatives & friends of Richard Duncan an Indian of the Mohawk tribe who is now in the gaol of this District for stealing out of the bar of Adam Vanvoltanburgh (Inn Keeper) a small pocket book containing as I am informed twenty Eight dollars, Richard Duncan was suspected & after he was arrested he returned all the Money, excepting 3/1½ Cy. which it appears he expended for Spirituous liquor. The friends of the prisoner are very desirous to apply to you to admit him to bail, several Chiefs possessing ample property are willing to become bail for his appearance at the next assizes for this District.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very Obt. Servant.—
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. S. N.

The Honble
J. B. Robinson
Chief Justice of Upper Canada
York

7th May 1832

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you a Return of the individuals borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the Current period

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Brantford 26th May 1832.

Sir,

The leave allowed me by His Exc. Sir John Colborne having expired on the 23d Inst. I beg leave to report that I returned to my Station on the morning of the 24th Inst. I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Humble Servt.
(Signed) J. Brant Supt. Six Nations

Colo. Givins
Chief Supt.
Indn. Dept. York

Brantford 4th June 1832.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Return of the individuals borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the Current period.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Brantford 5th June 1832.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Chiefs of the Six Nations at a General Council held at the Onondaga Council fire, on the 30th Ult.o when they affixed their Seals to a Surrender, including the first Concession South of Dundas Street, and the Gore between Dundas Street and the Township of Dumfries, Containing Nine thousand nine hundred and four Acres. And I beg to State that I delivered the Surrender to the Hon.ble the Commissioner of Crown Lands,—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Brantford 11th June 1832.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that the Chiefs of the Six Nations at a General Council at the Onondaga Council fire held on the 9th Inst. when the Chiefs affixed their Seals to a Surrender for the Upper Mohawk Mission at the Salt Springs embracing Sixty Eight Acres. I shall deliver the Surrender to the Hon.ble the Com.r of Crown Lands on his return from the London District.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t
Humble Serv.t
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations.

Col. Givins
Chief Supt.
Indn. Dept.
York.

Brantford 12th June 1832 –

Sir

David Duncan an Indian of the Mohawk tribe having been Committed to the jail of this District, upon Suspicion of a felony on the Complaint of Martin Junior Denny an Oneida Indian from the State of New York. if he can be admitted to bail Mr Matthias Willson and myself will become bail for his appearance at the approaching Court of King's Bench for this District.

Sir

William M. Jarvis Esqr. Sheriff of the District of Lore Hamilton

Your most Obedient Humble Servant (Signed) J. Brant Supt. Six Nations

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Brantford 14th June 1832.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultto. but I did not receive it until yesterday owing to some oversight in the Post Office, I have given notice to the Chiefs to Assemble at the Mohawk Village on the 22nd Instt. I will immediately enclose to you a return of the Six Nations.

I have the honor to be Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant (Signed) J. Brant Supt. Six Nations

Mr. B. Turquand. Acct. Six Nations York –

Brantford 14th June 1832

Sir

Having been called upon by the upper Mohawks for a Police officer to preserve the peace during their Camp Meeting at the Salt springs which Commences on friday the 15th Instt and ends on monday 18th Instt – I beg that you will be pleased to swear in John Emerson as a special Constable

I have the honor to be Sir Your obt Servant (Signed) J. Brant Supt Six Nations

Wm Hume Esqr.

Brantford 15th June 1832

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Ult. requesting me to make necessary enquiry whether the Chiefs of the Six Nations were invited to attend, a General Council of all the Indian tribes to be held at Detroit.- I met the Chiefs on the 9th Inst. at the Onondaga Council fire, and carefully explained to them the substance of your Communication, And I beg leave to inclose the proceedings of the Council.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Proceedings of a Council of the Six Nation Indians held at the Onondaga Council fire, at the Grand River on the 9th June 1832.

When the Council was opened with the usual Ceremonies by the Onondaga Chief Skanawati; And the Onondaga Chief Echo arose and said,- we have received the words of the Governor, in his letter to our Superintendent under date 24th May 1832. for which we thank him: It was the Customs of our late Chiefs who are dead and gone, to meet their Brethren on the Wyandott reservation near the town of Amherstburgh in the Western District, we are glad that our Superintendent has called upon us for information, with reference to the proposed Council, at Detroit, of all the Indian tribes. The General Council fire on the American side of the River Detroit, having been extinguished, We have received a Message from our Brethren the Wyandotts to renew our ancient Customs, by reestablishing the General Council fire of all the Indian tribes at the Wyandotts reservation, to which invitation the Six Nations have agreed to meet their Brethren, with respect to the time of the meeting of the Council it depends on the Chiefs of the Indian tribe near La Chine in Lower Canada.-

Brantford 25th June 1832.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Inst. enclosing a Duplicate of a memorandum being a reply which His Excellency Sir John Colborne directed to be made to a deputation from the G. River Indns.

I assembled the Chiefs of the Six Nation Indians in Genl. Council on the 19th & 20th Inst. and carefully explained to them His Excellency's reply. I have the honor to enclose the proceedings of the Council.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. 6. N.

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Proceedings of a Council of the Six Nations Indians held at the Onondaga Council fire, at the Grand River on the 19th June 1832.—

The Council was opened by the Chief Manawati with the usual Ceremonies, at ¼ after 2 O'clock P.M.—

Echo said the Council knows nothing of the Message that went to the Governor.—

We have received the words of the Governor, explained to us by our Superintendent for which we thank him.—

We hope that all our brethren of the Indian tribes will join us in reestablishing our General Council fire.—

Calls upon the Messengers to apologize for having gone to the Governor without the General vote of the Six Nations.—

There sets my friend George Martin who endeavours to act upon his own judgement, but we say it tends to the prejudice of the Six Nations. — — — .

In the first place the Governor recommended the surrender of Brantford: the Canborough Road and afterwards the lands on the Gov.'s Road. — — —

It was with the sanction of the Governor that the dam was erected by the Welland Canal Company.—

We request that our Superintendent will send our words to the Governor. — — —

Oneida Joseph said I reply briefly to the words of the Onondaga Chief with respect to the difference amongst our tribes — —

It is in Consequence of falsehoods that is so often repeated here in our Councils — which we recommend shall be totally discountenanced in future — I remember the ancient Customs of our forefathers, you the lower Mohawks have no right to interfere with our brethren, the Cayugas, Tuscaroras, and Tutelies. —

The Council was opened on the 20th June 1832. by the Chief Echo with the usual Ceremonies. — — —

Kanongeredawi — arose and said, we confirm our former vote of the Survey of the Lands adjoining the Governor's Road.

We are pleased with the Conduct of the person appointed by the Governor to Superintend the Sales of our Lands on the Governor's Road.

(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations.

Brantford 2d. July 1832

Sir,

The dangerous disease which is now raging in the Country has recently made its appearance among my people, and I am called upon by them for a Medical Officer.

Doctor Mawbam having kindly offered his Services I beg to recommend him to the Notice of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Col. Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Affairs
York

J.B.

Brantford 8th July 1832

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a return of the persons borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the Current period

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obedient
Humble Servant
Sgd
J. Brant

Supt. Six Nations

Colo. Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

L.B.

Brantford 10th July 1832

Sir

Having been called upon by Echo, the principal Chief of the Onondagaties, I beg, at his request to enclose a certified copy of the Testimonial of the late Superintendent General of Indian affairs in his favour.

You will be pleased to lay the same before His Excellency Sir John Colborne. – and the Chieftain hopes that His Excellency will be pleased to order him an extra present at the annual distribution –

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obedient
Humble Servant
Sgd
J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

Col. Givins
Chief Supt. Ind. Deptt.
York

L.B.

Brantford 18th July 1832

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a return of the Six Nations agreeable to the Form furnished me from your office on the 26th ult.

I beg leave to suggest that it would be convenient for the several tribes to bring the Goods to Charles Odell's near Brantford, when the Indians with their Waggons and Carts will be ready to transport the Goods to the several Stations mentioned in my return of this days date.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed/
J. Brant
Supt. S. N.

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

P.S.:—

Brantford 18th July 1832

Sir

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 5th and 9th Inst. I deemed it necessary to convene a General council of the Six Nations on the 15th Inst. and beg leave to report, that the Chiefs assert that they are totally unacquainted with the several subjects to which they refer, except the General Council to be held at the Wyandott reservation near Amherstburg and the time of that Council to be holden depends altogether upon the arrival of the Indians from Lower Canada — the object of which is only to revive their friendly ancient customs.

The Six Nations have made no proposals to their brethren in the United States to settle on their reservations in Canada, neither have they any disposition to admit them.

With reference to the letter of Mr Anderson Supt. of I. affairs at Cold water, the Chiefs declare that none of their Young men are absent, nor have been — and they have every desire to keep in friendship with their Chippawa brethren.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obt. Humble Servt.
Sigd/
J. Brant
Supt. S. N.

Col. Givins —
Chief Supt. Ind. Deptt.
York

P.S.: I beg leave to remit to return Mr. Anderson's letter to this Office
J. B.—
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S.B.:

Brantford 24th July 1832

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to enclose to you my own vouchers for the month June also the pension lists — I should have transmitted them at an earlier period, but I could not obtain the signatures of those people, I did not wish to send those returns incomplete — You will be pleased to pay the amount to Messrs L. Clement & Co — I have received a letter from Mr Fairchild Interpreter Indn Dept in which he says that you will issue his pay, so soon as I shall send the pay list to you, the which I shall do immediately. —

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
(Signed) J. Brant

M. Bailey Esqr
Dy Asst Comt Genl
Fort George

Brantford 26th July 1832

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you a Surrender from the Six Nations for the Upper Mohawk Mission at the Salt Springs embracing Sixty Eight Acres — dated 9th Uto — I beg leave to state that the Upper Mohawks are very anxious that a Deed should issue from the Govt for the lands included in the said Surrender.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt S. Nations

The Honble
Peter Robinson
&c. &c. &c.
York

Grand River, Salt Spring Mission
26th July 1832

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned beg leave to express our approbation, of the Moral & Christian Conduct of our present Missionary Mr Phelps, and we earnestly hope that he may be allowed to remain at this Mission for at least another year.

Dear Sir
We are Your Obedt Servts
Moses his mark Wolner

Witness (Signed) J. Brant Supt S. N.
Revd Mr Richardson York.

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Nelles's Settlement Grand River
19th July 1832.

At a meeting of the Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature passed in the Second year of the reign of King William the fourth, Entitled an act to incorporate certain persons therein named under the Style and title of the Grand River Navigation Company— Assembled by appointment at this place, in the County of Haldimand and District of Niagara— and were present—

John Warren Esqr.
Manuel Overfield Esqr. } Commissrs
William J. Kerr Esqr.

The Commissioners after having been duly Sworn as the Act directs, proceeded with the Directors, Agent and Engineer, belonging to the said Company to view the Several Sites and Situations selected by the said Company for the purposes of Erecting Dams, locks, waste weirs, tow paths, mills and machinery on the said Grand River— also the several tracts of lands selected by the said Company for purposes Connected with the improvement of the said Grand River, Comprising in the whole above five Hundred and fifty one acres of Cultivated and uncultivated lands— The Act of the Legislature under which the undersigned have assembled as Commissioners, does not authorise them to interfere, or say what quantity of land the said Company may take for the purposes of improving the Navigation of the said Grand River, and Erecting Mills and Machinery thereon for the benefit and uses of the said Company— But, they are of opinion, that the Legislature did contemplate some bounds or limits to the quantity of Lands that the said Company might require in furthering the Objects of the said Act—

The Six Nations of Indians assembled in Council do protest against the quantity required by the said Company on the West side of the said Grand River, that is from Barfoots to John Nelles's— say three Hundred and Sixty acres of land— which tract embraces the principal pinery in that Neighbourhood, as well as the plaister Beds.— The Commissioners do Consider that the said Tract from the advantages above mentioned, and lying immediately on the Grand River are

of

of much greater value than the ordinary or common lands of the Country — Consequently the Commissioners have valued them accordingly. — The low lands or flats along the margin of the Grand River are also of a superior quality to the generality of lands throughout the Country — and have valued them higher, those lands more remote from the Navigable Rivers. —

The Commissioners have decided after mature reflection, upon the following prices for such lands as may be taken, or required by the said Company in improving the Navigation of the said Grand River — (That is to say) —

Value of flats £40 per a. For Cultivated flats, or low lands along the Margin of the Grand River, Ten pounds per acre. —

Other flats £20 per a. For uncultivated flats, or low grounds along the margin of the Grand River Five pounds per acre. —

Other Cases £16 per a. For Cultivated up land bordering upon the Grand River Four pounds per acre. —

Other £10 per a. For uncultivated up land bordering on the Grand River Two pounds Ten Shillings per acre. —

The Company having furnished the Commissioners with a Schedule and Diagram of the lands required at the different sites or situations, specifying the quantity at each particular point — Yet the Commissioners conceive it right to observe, that it may so happen after the Dams have been erected, that they will drown, or destroy more lands than are now anticipated — in which case the Commissioners have decided that the same shall be paid for, at the rates above mentioned, agreeable to their respective qualities. —

and further, it may also happen in many cases, that the low Lands may not be actually drowned or covered with water, — but rendered so unfit for agricultural purposes in consequence of erecting the necessary Dams across the said Grand River — The Commissioners have decided that all lands so destroyed, or rendered useless for agricultural purposes by the operations of the said Company shall be paid for, agreeable to their respective qualities

(Signed, J. Warren
" Manuel Overfield
" William J. Kerr

(a true Copy
William J. Kerr. —

Mohawk Village Grand River
2nd August 1832

Dear Sir,

The bearer, Mother to Richard Duncan a Mohawk Indian who is in Jail at Hamilton and quite unwell — goes down to York for the purpose of applying to the Chief Justice for his liberation —

If you conceive, that his Life is endangered by longer Confinement, be pleased to give her a Certificate to that Effect — in order that she may the more readily obtain the necessary order for his liberation from the Chief Justice —

And oblige Dear Sir
Yours very truly
(Signed, J. Brant

Dr. Digby
Hamilton,

Mohawk Village Grand River
2nd August 1832

Sir,

I have been applyed to, by the Mother of Richard Duncan, a Mohawk Indian — now Confined in Jail at Hamilton — stating that her Son is dangerously ill — and it is the opinion of the Medical Man who attends the prisoners at Hamilton, that said Duncan's life will be Endangered by longer Confinement —

Duncan's Mother goes to York for the purpose of obtaining his liberation upon Bail — and prays Your Lordships order to that Effect —

I have the Honour to be
Sir
Your ob Hble Servt
Signed, J. Brant
Supt. Six Nations

To the Hnble
The Chief Justice
York,

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Brantford 4th August 1832

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you a Return of the individuals borne upon the pay and pension lists of the Six Nation Indian Department for the Current period. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Brant

Supt. S. N.

Colonel Givins
Chief Superintendent
Indian Department
York

Brantford 7th August 1832

My Dear Sir,

You will see from the inclosed that I have been in Correspondence with the Chief Justice relative to Richard Duncan's liberation on acct. of his very bad state of Health — I also inclose Dr. Digby's Certificate — a rather affidavit upon the same.

I hope you will allow his Mother to remove him to some more airy place in order that his health may be improved — and he shall be forth-coming at the assizes if alive —

I am My Dear Sir

Yours very truly

J. B.

W. M. Jarvis Esq.
Sheriff for Dist.
Hamilton

(Signed) J. Brant

Brantford 10th of August 1832

Sir The bearer has stated to me this morning that you have taking possession of an allotment of land that belongs to him, on which he has made some improvements I feel satisfied that you will treat the rights and privileges of this young man with every justice

I am Sir — Your
very Obt Servant
(Signed) J. Brant
Supt S N

Mr John Lounsbury
Grand River Post

Proceedings of a Council of the Six Nation Indians held at the Onondaga village Council fire at the Grand River on the 28th January 1833 —

When the Council was opened with the usual Ceremonies —

~~Echo Onondaga Chief Speaks~~

Clear Sky Onondaga Chief rose and said you have been pleased to read once more the proposals of his Excellency to the Six Nations for which we thank you — we will take the measure into our serious consideration deliberate upon the matter by Tribes and give our answer by Tribes —

William S. Hill Upper Mohawk Warrior rose and said to the Assembled Chiefs that he recommended unity to them —

Isaac Hooke Upper Mohawk Chief rose and said as you have referred to us what you said before — we shall give you an answer to the Governor's Message when we have decided what answer shall be given —

The Council adjourned until the 30th at One o'clock —

Echo Onondaga Chief opened the Council with the usual Ceremonies —

Echo Onondaga Chief states that the Six Nations have been informed by Mr Burwell that Augustus Jones stated to him that he had a claim against the Six Nations of £200 for work performed by him — but that they understood that the said Augustus Jones now claims a sum from them of 2200 Dollars — which they deny being due from them — The Six Nations deny owing Mr Jones any Monies whatever In the ~~course of the~~ last war ~~[illegible]~~ Mr Jones to the advantage of the absence of the Chiefs in the field Mr Jones took advantage of that circumstance to go and employ himself in work on the Indian tract of the Grand River without any orders from them and now makes a Claim which they are not willing to allow — The Chiefs are unanimous in saying

that the Lands that Mr Jones has marked out for himself below on the Grand River ~~has~~ have been fraudulently marked out and without any authority from the Chiefs — We have also to state to you as our Representatives that Mr Jones has sold a part of that Land to fraudulently marked out and has thereby obtained a personal advantage from the transaction — We also inform you that they have tried to get back that Land from Mr Jones but have not been able to do so — Brother we take upon ourselves to inform you of an other Matter and that is that Mr Jones has no legal Claim or no the big Nations for either Money or any other matter and that we trust that no Monies or Land will be adjudged to him without our particular Sanction — Brother we request you will solicit His Excellency the Lt Governor to withdraw our Funds placed in the Securities of the ~~British Empire~~ England and to have them placed into the Public Funds of this Country —

The Council adjourned until tomorrow the 31st Inst — and met pursuant to adjournment —

Echo Onondaga Chief said

Brother we are still deliberating upon the Land question and before we come to any decision we have a few questions to put to you Brother we should like to know the detail of the arrangements intended both as to the leasing ~~and~~ dividing our Lands — ~~Chief said~~ Brother I am deputed by the Chiefs to make the first speech and the Senecas as well as Onondagas will speak through me — Brother you have told us that you were deputed by his Excellency to repeat to us again what his Excellency told us at York & you have told us that the Governor permitted us to deliberate on the Question of the Lands, yet although we had confirmed by our Assent his proposal — with regard to the allotment of the Quantity of Lands set apart

for each Chief and Head of a Family we do not think that proportion enough - The remainder to be divided into six Blocks we think the Quantity allotted to each Chief and Head of a Family would not be sufficient for the Comfort of such property - We have lifted up our Eyes over the whole of our wild Lands and find that those wild Lands are very useful to us and to our Young Men - The Lands belonging to us that were willing should be leased are the Lands that are in the possession of the White people without our consent or any just authority - Brother we are acquainted with the circumstances under which the Lands about Brantford are occupied by the Whites and those circumstances have led to the Divisions between the two Tribes of the Mohawks - Brother it is the same case with our Lands on the lower ~~below~~ the parts of the Grand River we are willing that those lands occupied improperly by the Whites should be likewise leased for our benefit - All the Land below the Road leading from Cambors to Rainham we wish to be leased without reserve for our benefit - Brother what we have consented should be leased as Expressed in the foregoing parts of my speech we conceive to be enough - we are convinced that Lands are the true Wealth of both Indians and Whites - Brother I beg you will excuse my language yours and mine are entirely different - Brother we recollect times past we have sold a greatRact of our Lands and we do not think that what remains is more than we require for the prosperity and comfort of our posterity Brother as we are now arranging for the future we must be careful to act rightly as the Eye of Providence is upon us and will judge us by our acts true as Chiefs and you as our Superintendent - Brother we have this Reason for reserving our Lands - we see that our Indian Brethren the Chippeways have very little land left and are looking to the smoke of our Council fire ascending clear to the Sky and that the King likewise is looking at our fire - Brother we have no Doubt that you are aware that the Six Nations was one of the principal Tribes of North America

the King promised us that we never should come to harm
we also have been faithful in performing our promises;
also the additional Tribes the Delawares, the Putawatties and the
Chantiers — Brother some of us the old Chiefs went through
the two last wars and some of our young men went faithfully
through the last war we have therefore some reason for
saying that this land belongs to us. Brother you have
told us that if we leave our hands we should be the likest
Indians in the province but we think that we had better
keep our lands as the money might go away but the
lands will stand fast — Brother we also wish to ar-
range in such a way that nothing shall affect the independance
of the six Nations — The Kings light is good to us as
long as the world lasts — Brother with respect to the
agreement entered into between the King and us we wish
that it may never be interrupted either by us or
His Majesty — Brother the Chain of Friendship is made
of Silver ~~if a little dirt~~ and never rusts — if a little dirt
gets upon it it is soon wiped away — Brother we
are aware that the King is true to his word — it is not
him that is trying to disturb the agreement entered into
between us and him but the people of this Country
that are trying to disturb our Concerns — you are our
Superintendent, a white man, and you are answerable
for all the transactions that may occur between us
and His Majesty — Brother we are well aware that the
King is sick and he is supporting all his people around
him, he also reaches his hand to us as a brother and
therefore we are aware that he does not want any
thing from us for nothing — Brother I have spoken
upon one point and I have something to say upon
an another subject — Brother some Lands within
the lines of our Council fire have been against our
Rules leased to White People — and we beg that his
Excellency will take immediate steps to have the White
People on those Lands removed ~~from thence~~ —

Brother this is all I have to say — adjourned until tomorrow

1st February 1833

Skanawatigh Onondaga Chief opened the Council with the usual Ceremonies

John Johnston Chief of the Lower Mohawks rose and said — Brother yesterday the Onondaga Chief Echo Keeper of the Council Fire spoke on the subject of our lands and this day the Lower Mohawks will address you through me — You have ascertained by the the Onondaga Chief Echo what Lands are given up to be leased by the Superintendence of the Trustees — These lands are now committed to the Management of the Trustees — the lands that we retain will be for ourselves and we are thankful to His Excellency for his determination to expell all persons residing on our Lands without authority — We have reason for saying that we wish to keep the remaining lands united for union is strength Six Arrows together are not to be broken one by one they are easily so — Brother I have not much to say about our Agreement with the King — what we were in former times we are now — equally ready to assist our Brother the King when he calls upon us — We have this reason to touch upon that point — that all our dependence rests upon our brother the King both as to our Lands and everything else — This is all we have to say with respect to His Majesty — Brother I have to ~~state that~~ the crowned Lands were never paid for and the Chiefs ~~have~~ ~~ascertained~~ directed Mr Burwell a Surveyor of their own appointment to ascertain the true quantity of Land swallowed up by the overflowing of the waters from the dam — Brother I will speak about the Fisheries we were promised by the Welland Canal Company when they worked the dam upon our lands — that they would make a sluice in the Dam so as not totally to exclude the Fish from the Grand River — they have not done so and we the Six Nations are the sufferers — As for Doctor Kentburns appointment we know nothing about it — This is all the Lower Mohawks have to say —

Isaac Locke Upper Mohawk rose and said Brother the Keeper of the Council Fire has said every thing we wish to say with respect to the Lands below the new Road and also with respect to the Lands about Brantford — The Indians who inhabit Lands near Brantford will we hope not be disturbed Brother with regard to the Expressions of gratitude expressed by the Chiefs who have succeeded the Mohawks

we are equally impressed with grateful feelings for the King - Brother I therefore lift up my grateful heart and return my thanks to the King and all his officers - This is all I have to say upon this point - With regard ~~with~~ to the drowned lands I confirm what Johnson the Lower Mohawk chief has said - With regard to the Fisheries I likewise approve of what that Chief said - With regard to the White people residing on our lands and likewise the Blacks we request his Excellency will have them removed for fear if the latter are not so that we may become darker than we are now - We have this reason more particularly to wish the Blacks removed from our lands that the Blacks are our people even worse than the Whites do - Brother this is all we have to say and thank you, as we see your labors are exerted as we wish - and we thank the ~~Governor~~ King and the Governor ~~and~~ for ~~his~~ good intentions for us and we finally thank the ~~Gra~~ Divine Spirit for all his benevolent kindnesses to us -

Alex Skye the Onondaga Chief rose and said - Brother you have communicated Doctor Newbury's appointment to us we know nothing of him or his appointment as we never saw anything of him - Brother I take upon myself to say that I have been accused of cutting timber and selling it to the Whites - I totally deny the charge I would not abase myself so much as to sell property that belongs to the Six Nations and put the profit in my own pocket - Brother I am therefore very anxious that you would take the trouble and ascertain who it is that cuts the timber - This is all I have to say -

John Jacobs Cayuga Chief rose and said Brother with regard to his Excellency's Message as to the reserve Lots on the New Road - Brother I have only to say that I confirm what the Chiefs that have spoken before me have said - Brother I take the opportunity of informing you that the four Brothers that is to say the Oneidas the Cayugas the Onondagas the Tuscaroras the Tutelas and the Delawares have all agreed to speak through me - Brother we have ascertained from our Brethren the Delawares that if the Lots reserved are sold and a Bridge constructed; the white people will establish themselves there and our people will

be disturbed – Brother we are aware that a Village will be established at the Bridge and that Village should be laid out in Village Lots and those Lots should be sold as was done at Brantford – Brother with respect to the Dam and the lands occasioned by it I have to say that the Crops only have been paid for – but we have received no recompence whatever for the lands drowned – Brother you have been informed with respect to the lands claimed by Mr Jones we know that those lands have been obtained fraudulently and we request that his lands in the line which we have agreed should be leased, should be included in the leased Lands – Brother with respect to one people that ~~they should be~~ are within the limits of the Road that is about to be given up for sale. if they should wish to come over and reside on our side and leave their improvements will those improvements be paid for –

The Superintendent here answered, most decidedly they will be amply paid for and to the satisfaction of the proprietors – and if the bargain is not fulfilled in every particular the bargain would be null and void – Brother ~~with respect to Deputy appointments~~ –

When Jacobs in continuation Colonel Givins came to the Six Nations and desired them in the Governor's name to set apart a portion of land for the Naval Establishment what they agreed to on receiving seven gallons of Rum – And Colonel Givins made them a promise that whenever they surrender any portion of land for Military or Naval purposes they would be paid out of the Military Funds – This happened at the time John Norton went to England – This is all I have to say respecting the Lands below – I will now speak of the lands above – Brother ~~At the time~~ you have been now pleased to tell "that all those claiming Lands on the Indian Tract will have those claims properly investigated and that such as have no legal Claim will be removed – Brother I wish to inform you that a Man named James Davis is working one of our plaster Beds and we wish that that should be stopped –

Brother we wish to explain to you as our superintendant that we have a little wild land left and there is some game upon it which we wish to preserve - Brother as you are now residing among us as our superintendent we hope you will have an Eye over us and protect our young men - Brother with regard ~~with respect~~ to the perpetual lease granted to us by the King it appears that it is growing weak and we wish it should remain in full force and strength - Brother you have explained our property of our hands and we now know that those hands belong to us for ever - We confirm the appointment of Mr Burwell as our surveyor - Brother at Mr Burwells first appointment three lots were reserved for his services, if his services did not amount to the value of those lots he was to pay the balance into the hands of the six Nations -

The Council adjourned till to morrow the 2nd Pedey and met accordingly -

Tolan Lewis in continuation said Brother I confirm what the lower Mohawk Chief Johnson said with respect to the injury our fisheries have sustained by the erection of a Dam on the Grand River without the reservation of a Sluice in the Dam as was agreed to be done - And I in addition say that we are prevented by the Whites from fishing on our own lands on the lake side of the Dam - Brother we understand now that we are entitled to all the privileges of the law and to its protection as well as the Whites - Brother with regard to the Doctor's appointment we deny having given any authority for it and we deny knowing any thing of him - Brother this is all I have to say -

Echo Onondaga Chief said Brother I am now about to speak about the spoil of our lands - Brother with respect to our lands reserved, we have no doubt but the whole of our transactions will be exhibited to His Excellency - We wish the navigation of the River Ouse our lands not to take place - When we held the Council at York before His Excellency - we requested him to pay no attention to the Reports of the people of the Country unless confirmed by us -

Brother as you are appointed our Superintendant and that we have explained all our affairs we return you our thanks for the successful explanation that has taken place. Brother we also return our grateful thanks to His Excellency and hope on your return to York you will find His Excellency in good health and implore him to take our affairs into his careful and Paternal Consideration — Brother we must expect that we shall be in conjunction with his Excellency attention to our own affairs we have no doubt that his Excellency has been appointed by the King to take charge of our affairs — Brother we furthermore say that as we mainly depend upon the Kings kind intentions in our favor we hope that our Representations may find his Majesty in good health — Brother we are well aware of the Kings kind promises to us and we have no doubt but his Majesty means to fulfil his promises to us — This is all we have to say —

The Council here Closed —

Jos Brant

S. S. R —

Huron or Wyandot Council —

Proceedings of an Indian Council held at Amherstburgh on the 6th of June 1833

The Council was opened with the usual Ceremonies and Speech by Split Log —

Split Log rose and said that he wished for time to give a final answer and in consequence the Council was adjourned till tomorrow at one o'clock

J.W.

The Council assembled according to adjournment

Amherstburgh 7 June 1833

Thos Clarke, Huron Chief, opened the Council with the usual Ceremonies and said — When our Father the Lieut Governor was here at York 1831 he asked us what was the reason that our Brethren had gone over to the American side to reside and advised us to invite them back to reside among us he also desired us to be particular in taking care of the Lands reserved for us and to think maturely before we took any steps to part with any of our Lands — After we had returned we sent the words of our Father to our Brethren on the other side who were much pleased at receiving the Governor's Message — One great reason for the satisfaction expressed by our Brethren on the other side was that in the event of the American Government attempting to remove them from their reserves on their side they were determined rather than remove to the Westward to come over and reside with the Hurons on the Canada side — We expected that time would have been granted us to see the effect of our Message to our Brethren on the american side before any proposal, as to the disposal of our Lands would be made to us — Last winter when the petition was sent down to our Father at York praying for our permission to dispose of ~~their~~ our Lands — the measure originated without the knowledge of the Chiefs and when it was

brought before the Council the Chiefs being present & they were quite confused to find that the business had proceeded so far ~~on~~ ~~but~~ When the Chiefs were present at the above Council they thought the measure proposed was merely a preparation and not a final measure — ~~and~~ they ~~we~~ regretted that ~~we~~ they were taken by surprise — I merely say I was deceived and am sorry that I signed that petition

~~Adam Brown Warrior rose and said~~

The Council here closed the Chiefs declining to say any thing further on the subject —

Jos Wenniett
S. I. A.

Amherstburgh 10th June 1833

Thos Clarke Huron Chief opened the Council with the usual ce=
=remonies — and then said I will now proceed and give an answer as to the number who are anxious not to part with the land — At the present moment they have been consulting about the message respecting our Lands and feel astonished at the message — ~~By what I understand from the Message my own relations~~ — What we wish is that our Father would permit such of the Hurons on the other side to come and settle among us if they wish it — ~~In the~~ When the Reserve was originally set apart for us ~~the~~ Our Father Sir J. J. told us that it was granted for the benefit of the whole of the Loyandot Tribe on whatever side they might be — After receiving this advice we agreed as a Tribe to keep our hands for ourselves and not to part with them — but shortly after separated as a Tribe some went to the other side near Sandusky and some remained on the Reserve — Those Indians of our Tribe that went to Sandusky elected a Chief of similar rank with the Chief on this side for the regulation of their Tribe dis=
=cipline reserving to themselves the privilege of coming over to this side whenever they saw fit — The Loyandots of the other side never thought that they could have a permanent residence on the american side and they in consequence always looked upon their Canada Reserve as a cer=
=tain refuge in case of any difficulty or should the Americans wish to push them to the westward —

In every war in which Great Britain has been a party since the settlement of a part of the Wyandots on the American side they have invariably borne a part in favor of the British government equally with the Wyandots on this side — I do not wish to enter into a minute detail of circumstances that you must be acquainted with fully as well as ourselves — In the Revolutionary war from the part our Tribe took with the British we sacrificed nearly all our Lands in the State of Ohio and we lost nearly all our best war Chiefs and numbers of our best warriors — In the last war our Brethren had a large Village nearly opposite this and were in a flourishing condition — The war was so sudden that they had no time given them to join all their Tribe in one Band — Some of our Tribe joined General Hull's Army for the purpose of consulting the Wyandots on the Canada side on the propriety and expediency of remaining neutral in the contest about to take place — The Wyandots on the American side were true to their agreement and remained neutral during the whole of the war and never lifted the Tomahawk against the British — Although a few Wyandot stragglers might have joined the Americans last war — yet as a Tribe I affirm the Hurons never joined them — To judge of the Tribe from the practical circumstance mentioned would not be just — Soon after General Hull's army arrived at Detroit the Superintendent + after this place + went over to Brown's Town to persuade the Wyandots living there to come over to the British side and join them — The Tribe at Brown's Town were much perplexed and did not know how to act — having so much ~~Land~~ property in land at stake which might be endangered by their decision — The Superintendent to induce them to decide as he wished told them not to be uneasy for if they lost their property by joining the British side the British Government would make it good to them — The Tribe believed what the Superintendent told them and joined the British and naturally expected that their losses would be made up to them and that those losses would be paid for in Specie — The Tribe then came over to make some further arrangements and called a General Council at which it was proposed by the Governor that they should lay hold of the Tomahawk which they agreed to do — The consequence of their joining the British was that they lost all their

property and that their Cattle were shot before their eyes — Since the Peace we have been anxiously looking for the promised Compensation but as yet have received nothing — The only thing they have received is the first payment of their war horses, they understand that a second payment is now in progress and hope to receive their proportion of that payment — This is all I have to say on this subject — ~~They~~ We understand that a licence of occupation has been granted to a Mr Paxton for the occupation of Fighting Island — We claim the property of that Island and hope that our Father the Governor will see that we receive our just right — Father I beg to say that when we have occasion to forward a petition or claim of right below we seldom ever get an answer to such petition or Claim — It is generally reported by the inhabitants of this place that they would be great gainers if they would sell or lease part of their reserve — Father our timber on our reserve is much trespassed upon and we have applied to have that prevented and to receive compensation for the damage done to us — what we have received bears but a small proportion to the damage done to us — And we plainly perceive that in every transaction in which we are concerned we are cheated and imposed upon — We are aware that our father the Superintendent Mr Ironside is instructed to look into every thing that concerns us — When that Memorial to his Excellency about the selling of the Lands of our reserve we the chiefs think that our superintendent rather neglected — The letter of the Governor requiring us to dispose of four hands was easily to be answered it only required to receive the answer yes or no — As respects the Memorial signed by us to the Governor requesting permission to sell parts of our Reserve we consider it of as importance as it was not a general concern in which all the Chiefs took an active part — Father we do not wish that our hands should be disposed of and with our consent they will not be parted with and we leave the consequence of this our refusal to the Almighty power — When Colonel McDougall was up here last year he addressed some of our Chiefs and told them

My Friends the Chiefs you have a fine Tract of land and all you have to do is to keep it – it is of great value and when you part with it you may as well part with your heads –

The Council here closed – Jas Stevenett
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Proceedings of an Indian Council held at the Onon-
:daque Council House 4th Feby 1834

Echo Onondaga Chief opened the Council with the usual Ceremonies – Echo said Brother the Six Nations with all the Tribes attached to them will speak to you about the King's Kindness to them according to former treaties made with them – Brother I will now repeat the original agreement entered into between the Six Nations and the King through the agency of Sir William Johnson Brother we must express our thanks to the present King and to all his predecessors for the late act of kindness to us and for the fulfilment of their promises to us – Brother we further thank all the Kings Officers in this Country engaged in our affairs for the performance of their several duties in regard to us – Brother I trust you will express to the King our determination to perform our part of the agreement entered into with the King; as the strength of the Council fire is, so is our determination to be true and faithful allies of His Majesty – Brother we wish to have the King informed that the presents are much diminished, we no longer get Guns, Silver ware and many other articles we formerly got – The King may perhaps suppose that we have adopted generally the dress of the whites but that is not the case as many of us still continue to dress in our native dress – Brother the King through his former Officers employed in our affairs desired desired as to continue our Indian dress, that it might be

× The Superintendent read the Governor's Message to the Council

a sign of our independence of the Rules and customs of the States we have no wish that any alteration should be made in the articles of our presents every article that we receive from the King is useful – we are desirous to know why the finer articles of dress given to the Chiefs formerly are discontinued we wish you likewise to know that we are desirous that all our affairs should be transacted now, as our former superintendents used to conduct them with respect to our presents in quantity and quality – I now commend you of your former recommendation as to the form of proceeding in our Council and we are desirous of now hearing any thing you may have to communicate to us –

~~Extract continuation~~ Echo in continuation said Brother the ~~x~~ several Tribes have spoken by their deputies and are contitent the Cayugas have differed and as I am deputed to make the national speech for the six Nations I must delay until the inconsistency is rectified – Brother we the Keeper of the Council Fire do not wish to force any Tribe in its sentiments – Brother as you are appointed our superintendent to manage our affairs we request you will give us time and that you will not hurry us –

Isaac Locke Mohawk Chief rose and said Brother the upper Mohawks will communicate to you some words respecting the Message and if any of the Tribes agree with them they will join – Brother with regard to the Message with regard to our money – Brother all that you have said ~~[illegible]~~ is right – Brother I wish ~~you~~ to ascertain from you if you have property on interest have you no document to shew the Amount of the Capital on which you get interest – we wish for such a document – As our lives are insecure we wish to have

a correct Account of all our Monies - Brother Notwithstanding the differences that have taken place I will take it upon myself to say that we will approve of the two first parts of your Message with respect to Mr Burwell when we first appointed him our Surveyor we promised to pay him in Land which we thought we should not feel so much in the payment - Brother we are all agreed that there should be a third Trustee and we beg the Lt Governor to appoint such person as he may see fit - Brother with respect to the drowned Lands & the damage has been ascertained by Survey we are anxious to be paid for them - Brother with respect to the Doctor's appointment there is a difference of opinion as to the appointment and it therefore cannot take place - but we consent to his being paid for his attendance on the Trustees - Brother with respect to the surrender of Brantford there was no mention made of land to be granted gratuitously for the building of a Church or Churches but there were some Lots designated for that purpose, with the understanding that they were to be paid for - Brother ~~[illegible]~~ at the Council held at York the Lieut Governor said that our Lands here were granted to us as a remuneration for the services of our forefathers and we wish to have the same hold of our property here that we held over our property there in the States - At the time of Sir Wm Johnson and of Colonel Claus and of General Haldimand they each of them promised that we should be remunerated for all our losses as we sustained - Brother as you are now our Agent and under the same Government as the persons above named we expect you will fulfil those promises - ~~Brother here we are all the Chiefs assembled and it is our unanimous wish to hold our Lands in our own hands - Brother~~.

~~Echo rose and asked the Superintendent~~

Isaac Cole in Continuation said Brother we have put some Questions to you about the Titles Nationally by which we possess our Lands - you have not felt yourself authorized to give us the answer to our Questions we wish therefore that His Excellency would as soon as convenient convene a General Council of the Chiefs of the Grand River Tract before which we may obtain from His Excellency the information we want to obtain —

John Johnson Chief Lower Mohawks rose and said Brother I must acquaint you that ~~when~~ the Rule of our General Councils is that when we have come to a decision on any subject the Keeper of the Council Fire is the person that delivers our decision and that Keeper is the Oakondagua Tribe -

Echo again rose and said - Brother you have been made acquainted that I am deputy by all the Tribes to deliver their decision to you - Brother we wish you to excuse the Council for the last speech but one Isaac Cole's as it detained the Council Brother ~~I now communicate~~ the Six Nations have agreed to take your advice with regard to their Money in England and to sign the Petition you have drawn up for our Signatures so that that Money may be transferred to the Funds of this Country - With respect to the Land we agreed to surrender for lease we have in compliance with the Governors advice agreed to surrender it for Sale in place of leasing as we conceive it more advantageous to us to do so - Brother we are all anxious about our Lands that were

drowned by the operation of Welland Canal Dam
it is a considerable time since that disaster took place
and as yet we hear nothing about being paid for them -
Brother we think it well to inform you that we do not
wish to make any reserves on the lands that we have
consented should be sold but trust that his
Excellency will see that such lots as have plaster beds Mill
Sites or other advantages will be estimated ac-
cordingly and sold to the amount of their full value -
Brother you must understand better and therefore I
can say nothing more without further instructions from
the Chiefs - Brother I cannot say more but trust to
the Officers who conduct our business - Brother we
have acquainted you that on our Drowned there was
a Salt Spring we therefore expect to be remunerated for
that loss according to its value - The substance of what
his Excellency has directed with respect to Mr Bowell
that of paying him in Money instead of land - Brother
with respect to the Church Reserves we wish to be paid
for them and not to give away our Town Lots for nothing -
Respecting the loss of one of our Trustees we confirm the
appointment of Mr Hepburne as our Third Trustee -
Brother respecting your advice of appointing a Medical
man for the Six Nations, they are not agreed as the
propriety of such an appointment and I therefore
cannot say that one is appointed - Brother we
now daily expect to hear of the decisions of the Trustees
with respect to our Lands occupied by the Whites -
Brother I have now done my duty in communicating
the general points decided on by the Six Nations -

Brother I wish to ask you about a Road opened out from Hamilton to Culford's on the Grand River, who gave authority for the cutting such a Road through our Lands, if you are ignorant of any authority lay our information before His Excellency that he may be pleased to see to it — Brother you gave us a letter to a person of the name of McKenzie desiring him not to trespass on the Indian Lands which has been executed and also by a Man named Renty and subsequently to the Lot person his answer was that you were a person of no Power and that he should take no Notice of your letter

Jas Winnett
S. I. A.

Echo in Continuation said Brother as Our Brothers the Delawares are much in the habit of intoxication we the Six Nations appoint Peter Carrier (Chief) and John Styes (Chief) both Cayugas to take charge of the Money at the annual distribution for the Delaware Tribe — and we appoint John Norton to distribute it to that tribe — we also wish one Superintendent to speak to the Delawares to keep their presents and not to part with them —

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