To His Excellency 

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Governor General Sir John Cradock Knight Commander. 

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The humble Memorial of the Chiefs and of the Huron and Nipissinique Indians in of themselves and their respective Nations, Tribes and respective Representatives.

That We, the Indian Chiefs, Warriors who now most respectfully appeal to Your Excellency, do for ourselves and our respective Tribes, humbly and obediently implore for an immediate and protecting grace and attention to and consideration of this Memorial of the grievances and deprivations we consider. Children, have long endured patiently and without complaint, under the conviction, however unfavorable, that grievances, now becoming more and more burdensome, when made known to Your Excellency, our Proprietor, obtained redress; justice and Equity having ever been determined in the government over which you so mercifully to provide.

We most humbly beg to expose to Your Excellency the injuries, disabilities, and deprivations which we, in consequence of the late war, are now enduring, and which we are in no way responsible for; and that we are now unable to support the burdens which we bear, and to which we are subjected, without extensive and continuing injury, and will continue to be so unless relief be extended by Your Excellency to us and our People.
To His Excellency, Major-general Sir John Colborne, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada.

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Humble Memorial of the Chiefs and Warriors of Georgiav and Nippissianque Indians in themselves and their respective Nations, Tribes and Bands respectfully Represents.

That the Indian Chiefs and one who most respectfully approach Your Honor, do for ourselves and our respective nations,妹子, humbly and obediently implore Your Excellency temporal Father and Ruler to vouchsafe Your attention to and consideration of this the humblest of the grievances and Deprivations which We, Our Children, have long endured patiently and submitting complaint, under the conviction however that these woes now becoming more and more burdensome, unto known to Your Excellency, our Father would restitution justice and Equity, having ever been into the government over which You continue longingly to preside.
Our Fathers, that We, and our Antecessors have ever from the remotest antiquity held, used, occupied, and enjoyed as hunting grounds, the tract of Land above the 2d or Little Lake, Nipissing, that is to say, comprehending of the River Ottawa and of the River Mataneau, the Voyageurs the Little River, to the height of the waters of the Lake, Nipissing from those of the 8th together with the Countries watered by the several Streams of the River Ottawa and Little River North and South from their Sources; the above to be bounded to the Southward by a ridge of land of the waters which fall into the Lakes and into St. Lawrence from those falling to the North into the River Ottawa; the distance from the City of Hawkesbury (Santé d’Orignal) to Lake Nipissing.

The course navigation is computed at 117 Leagues, to comprise the River Ottawa to the junction of the river with the River Mataneau, the actual present by the Whites, extending from the City of Hawkesbury to the last settlement inclusive.

That Our said Fathers, Georges Menard by this Royal Proclamation given at York, James the 1st. day of October 1763, gave us, your Red Children, and the other Indians North America by the Reverend Sir William Peirce Our great Fathers Superintendent of Affairs in a Proclamation dated at Pittsfield the 21st. day of December 1763, did expressly and positively that the lands claimed by the
Further, that we, and our successors have immemorially held, and occupied, possessed, enjoyed, as hunting grounds, the tract of land lying on the west side of the River Ottawa, and little Briare as far as Neepigane, that is to say, comprehend, both Banks of the River Ottawa, and of the River Matahanoque, called by voyageurs the Little River, to the height of land separating the waters of the Lake Neepigane from those of the Little River, thence with the Countries bounded by the several tributary arms of the River Ottawa and Little River running northward from their sources; the above tract of land bounded to the southward by a ridge of land separating the waters which fall into the Lakes and into the River Laurence, from those falling to the northward and the River Ottawa; the distance from the Township of Lonsdale (Pointe d'Ormeau) to Lake Neepigane, by re-navigable water, is computed at 177 leagues, the Jacksonville, the river Ottawa to the junction of the latter or the River Matahanoque, the actual settlement on the land, extending from the said Township Lonsdale to the last settlement inclusive.

That Our great Father, George III, of glorious memory, by His Royal Proclamation given at the Court of James the 1st, day of October, 1763, promulgated to your Bred. Children, and the other Indian Tribes of the Americas by the Honorable Sir William Johnson, Our great Father's Superintendent of Indian Affairs in a Proclamation dated at Johnson Hall on the 2d day of December, 1763, did expressly declare

That the lands claimed by the Indians as
Hunting grounds are reserved to them for that purpose, and that they shall not under any pretense be molested or disturbed in the prosecution of the same; and if they should be inclined to dispose of the same, as is further declared and provided, "That the same shall be purchased for Our Great Father in His good Name at some Public Meeting or Assembly to be held for that purpose by the Governor or Commander in Chief."

Now, may it be Your Excellency, our Father, we have to have been made and converted or erected, Townships and Settlements for the Whites by Your Majesty's private parts of the Territory so immemorially used, occupied, possessed and enjoyed by us, your Children in Hunting grounds, without regard to and notwithstanding the provisions of the above Royal Proclamation, our Great Father, no purchase or compensation for the same taken and surrendered from our Hunting grounds having been made or to us contrary of our Tribe, Nations indeed, although in all similar instances where lands granting Tribes in Upper Canada, have been required. In Great Father the same have uniformly been purchased stipulated price or for some certain compensation in case to the above Royal Proclamation of Our Great

That way it please Your Excellency Our
to, We the Algonquin and Nippisingue Indians to possess any Lands yielding to us any Revenue and we are solely dependent upon the Chase on our Hunting grounds for support and maintenance, and

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Their Hunting grounds are reserved to them for purpose, and that they shall not under any
whatever be molested or disturbed in the purpuse, and that they should be inclined to dispose of the
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same shall be purchased for Our Great Father
Royal Name at some Public Meeting or by
be held for that purpose by the Governor or Co.
our Chief.

Now, may it please Your Excellency, our extensive Grants have been made and converted
into Townships and Settlements for the White
Excellency's judicious fears of the Territory so
held, used, occupied, possessed and enjoyed by
Red Children in Hunting gounds without respec
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of Our Great Father, we purchase or compensation
lands so taken; and dismembered from our Hunting
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domated by contemporaneously in Upper Canada, have been
by Our Great Father the same have uniformly be
at stipulated price or for some certain compensation
obliged to the above Royal Proclamation of Our
Father —

That may it please Your Excellency
Fathers, We the Algonquin and Nippissingue
do not prefer any lands yielding to us any fur
hence we solely dependent upon the Chase on
Hunting grounds for support and maintenance.
though your Red Children have not failed to view
progressive settlements of the Whites of our Hunting
lands from the Township of Kanesburg to the last
tendment inclusive, as a forgetting of the above Royal
ation of Our Great Father, we have nevertheless
stayed the White men in preferring any representation
in behalf of the government of Your Excellency
beef is now at the head, but observing that this
ent rapidly increasing settlement of the Upper Province
ot of that part thereof comprehending the Hunting
lands of your Red Children lying on the South side of
River Ottawa; and that the indiscriminate and
te destruction by the Whites of our Letters of the Precious
other animals from which the most valuable has acc
and will be long uninteresting our Chief and degree
of the Red men which have bidden the land of the
sort of our Tribes from long and unmemorial custom,
irresistibly compelled to supplicate the aid and
tection of Your Excellency Our Father, putting
him to the claim of reasonable indemnification
the Lands on the South side of the River Ottawa
stipulated from our Hunting grounds without
choice or compensation of Our Great Father, the King

That may it please Your Excellency, our Father,
our Red Children of the States of the Algonquins and
Iroquois Indians do not presume adventure to entertain
belief that the Lands already dismembered from
Hunting grounds, and converted or erected into
settlements by the government, over

although your Red Children have not failed the
progressive settlement, the Whites of our
grounds from the Township of Hockessing to
settlement inclusive, as a forgetfulness of their
Proclamation of Our Great Father, we have now
obtained authority from preferring any steps
on the subject to the Government of Your E.
Our Father is now at the head, but observing
present rapidly increasing settlement of the Upper
and of that part thereof comprehending the 1
grounds of your Red Children lying on the Le,
The River Ottawa, and that the indiscriminate
wanton destruction by the Whites on our settlers
and other animals from which the most value
derived will be long annihilated: our Chapas
of the sole amount which have hitherto been
support of our Tribes from long and narrow
we are irresistibly compelled to supplicate the a
protection of Your Excellency. Our Father,
our humble claim to reasonable indemnity
for the Lands on the South side of the River
thus dismembered from our Hunting from
purchase or compensation of Our Great Father.
That may it please Your Excellency
every Red Children of the Tribe of the Iro-
Sequinsque Indians, do not presume on our
the belief that the lands already dismembered
our Hunting grounds, and converted into
Townships for Settlements by the Governor

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Your Excellency, Our Fathers now present, will be
ned to us, but we do believe, that a fair and reasonable
discussion for the lands lying on the Southside of the
a. Ottawa, so dismembered from our Hunting grounds,
shrewd and conceded unto us in obedience to the
Royal Proclamation of Our Great Father. And we do
ly and confidently appeal to Your Excellency our
is to satisfy and confirm to us your said Children, the
occupation and possession of the Hunting grounds on
North side of the River Ottawa, which we are reserved to
and that in case we, your said Children, or our descendants
at any time hereafter be inclined to dispose of the said
P. that the same be purchased for Our Great Father in
Royal name at some public meeting of Assembly of
Indians to be held for that purpose. And moreover
ably pray that Your Excellency Our Fathers will
said to be commanded by Proclamation, or otherwise, that
Indians and Squatters do forthwith depart from and
undisturbed and unannullet, the Hunting grounds
erved to and possessed by your said Children, the whole
ience to the above Royal Proclamation of Our


We, by this our Memorial, humbly submit
our Excellency Our Father the foregoing representation
issues and depredations which we your said
son have endured, and are likely to endure from the
al dismemberment of our Hunting grounds, professed
inmemorably and reserved and confirmed to us
above Royal Proclamation of Our Great Father of
which Your Excellency Our Great Father was pleased to promise us, but we do believe that a fair and just compensation for the lands lying on the Southern Side of River Ottawa, so dismembered from our Home, will be allowed and conceded unto us in obedience to the above Royal Proclamation of Our Great Father...

We humbly and confidently appeal to Your Excellency Our Great Father to ratify and confirm to us your kindness, occupation and protection of the Hunting Ground, not on the side of River Ottawa, which yet is ours, and that unless we, your Red Children, are allowed at any times hereafter, be inclined to dispose of our lands, that the same be purchased for Our Great Father, made at some public Meeting or of the Indians to be held for that purpose. We humbly pray that Your Excellency Our Great Father be pleased to command by Royal Proclamation or the call of the Landholders or Squatters to depart, having undisturbed and unmolested the Hunting Ground heretofore, and present by your Red Children in obedience to the above Royal Proclamation of Our Great Father...

We do by this our Memorial humbly to Your Excellency Our Great Father, the foregoing reports of the grievances and deprivations which we, Your Red Children, have endured and are likely to endure, gradually dismemberment of our Hunting Ground, by us immemorially and reserved and confirmed by the above Royal Proclamation of Our Great Father...
our memory, and while we humbly recall to
Excellency Our Father's recollection that our Trikes
respectively have distinguished for fidelity, bravery,
and good conduct and attachment to the Royal
and our Great Father, particularly during the
American Rebellion, we do not wholly repose on the wisdom
of Excellency Our Father; to whom we humbly pray
for relief of our grievances and deprivations, and for
redemption of justice and Equity touching the same.
As in duty bound, we your Med-
ions will ever pray —

sincerely,

Your obedient servants,

Montreal 26 June 1835 —

That this is a true, correct copy —

Hughes

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glorious memory, and while we humbly vow
Your Excellency Our Father's recollection that,
and general good conduct and attachments to
the Cause of Our Great Father, particularly during
American Rebellion, we do not wholly repulse
Your Excellency Our Father, to whom we hum
for the redress of our grievances and deprivations,
the dispensation of justice and equity teaching
And as in duty bound, we

Children will ever pray —

Revered Sires and Brethren

Tr. Hon. Wm. K. Smith

Dr. Jos. H. Child

Geo. B. Tyler

Tr. M. C. Smith

O. C. S. S. Scott

J. D. Lanman

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Montreal 6 June 1835 —

I certify that this is a true and correct copy

Hughes

A. B.
I am directed by the Right Honorable Sir James Macdonald, President of the Board of Control, to transmit to you the accompanying memorial from the Chiefs and warriors of the Chipewyan and Athapaskan tribes for the information of his Excellency the Governor in Chief. His Excellency requests that you will have the kindness to cause it to be stated to these Chiefs that he will endeavor to ascertain the precise ground of the claims made by them on their hunting grounds to the northeast of the River Matawagee, and between that and Lake Athapaskan; and that as they have expressed a desire to settle on a tract of land near the settlement of Chipewyan. His Excellency will not fail to adjudge them in occupancy of it; but that on this point to their claims generally, their memorial has been forwarded through the Indian Department to the Governor in Chief.

Yours, &c.

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[Address]

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Indian Office 17th August 1855

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Chief to transmit this memorial from the Metropolitan

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request of the Native Company, and to

honor, to state therein, and endeavor
to accorded to "Fish Catcher," to

honor of the Company, requiring the land applied

Please to

W. H. E.,

Governor of Indian Affairs

W. H. Ford

Indian Office 17th August 1855

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and Algonquin tribes for the cessions

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signed, I. Grosst, Arch. Baker.