

At our council fire at the Grand River I repeated your words to the Six Nations – recommending us to throw aside all bad blood and ---ty spirit which has long disturbed our happiness. And to be united as friends for our mutual benefit. This advice although good was not listened to by all. I then recommended that all animosity might cease in the lifetime of our best friend/meaning the Deputy Supt. General who had always given them good advice. We then agreed it was just to remunerate you as Trustee for your faithful services according to former promises from Our old Chiefs.

We are now assembled for the purpose of giving you a piece of land and remuneration for your services as our Trustee. We wish your son who has assisted you for the last five or six years in the business of trustee to be your successor and after his death that the trust may be continued in your family for the purpose of guarding our interest. **It is our wish that our people living on the land we are about surrendering to the Great Father the King for your benefit shall not be disturbed in their improvements.**

To which the Deputy Supt General replied: I will give you a Bond in a penalty of 5,000 dollars that neither myself nor my Heirs shall even molest or in any manner disturb their improvements. And it is my intention to have an ash kettle fixed and a shed put over it, the salt springs enclosed and when finished the key will be given to the Chief who resides near the spot and that the Nations may make what salt they please for their exclusive benefit. The Echo then proceeded

Brother

Many white people who occupy our land do not make us any compensations. Such people we wish removed. Other settlers encroach upon us particularly Surveyor Jones who pretends to own large tracts and is in the practice of selling without our consent. This we consider a grievance and hope you will look into the mater with a scrutinizing eye.

Brother

The writings having been fully explained to us, we are perfectly satisfied and are ready to put down our names whereby we surrender to our Great Father the King a piece of land for your benefit.

The Sachems and Chief Warriors then severally subscribed their names and duly acknowledged the same after which the Chief Echo in the name of the whole formally delivered the Surrender to Captain McKay 70th Commandant presiding at the Council who then delivered the same to the Honourable William Claus for the purposes therein mentioned.

Council adjourned till tomorrow at 11 o'clock am