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My dear Sir,

I will thank
you to lay the accompanying
papers before His Excellency
the Governor General - They are
those to which I alluded
in conversation with His
Excy: this morning, and
for which I respectfully solicit
the most favorable consid-
eration of the Government

Yours truly
H. B. Brown

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To His Excellency The Earl of Selkirk
and His Excellency Governor General of
British North America, and Captain General of
Her Majesty's Fleet thereon &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the undersigned,
Inhabitants of the Village of Sault Ste
Marie

Humblly Sheweth:-

That Your Excellency's Petitioners, with
the Exception of some five or six, are all of
mixed Indian Blood and have been born upon
the Soil - that each of them had held, occupied
and cultivated the land, wherein they now reside,
for very many years, most of them having
inherited their possessions from their Mothers, and
the residue having purchased from half-breeds or
Indians. - That the five or six, first above referred
to, came to the Country some thirty or forty years
since, and married Indian women, through whom
they acquired their said possessions respectively, which
they have occupied and cultivated ever since,
that they all served the Crown during the last
war, most of them having been present at the
taking of Mackinac, and that some of them
even received a Grant of Land from the Crown
for their Services:-

Your Excellency's Petitioners humbly
represent

represent that, the land upon which they reside having been ceded to the Crown by the late Treaty, they are liable to be dispossessed of their properties, in consequence of their being unable, from want of means, to purchase when they shall respectively come into the market in the usual way:-

Your Excellency's Petitioners therefore humbly pray that they may not be disturbed in their possessions, lands or boundaries, or, in any way molested, and that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause their several possessions to be confirmed to them by a free Grant from the Crown:-

And Your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.-

C. O. Dromatinger

J. David Biron

Alexis Biron

Doochin Biron

Joseph Biron

Charles Biron

Joshua Troit

Jean Baptist Crochier

William Bonnett

Charles Maron

Nicholas Sabatier

Ramon Martat

Nicholas Boy

A. W. M. Kay

Francis Grant

Charles Grant

J. Robert

Francis Valin

Louison Valin

Mitchel. J. Sayre

Joseph Le Pona

Jean Baptiste Costen

J. B. Robert

John Corbin

Nicholas Savette

Peter Boly ^{is}
 Mainville ^{Marque}
 Amable ^{Marque}
 Dario ^{Marque}
 Cun ^{Marque}
 J.B. Bonneau ^{Marque}
 Pim Mastat ^{Marque}
 Mainville ^{Marque}
 Amable ^{Marque}
 Candan ^{Marque}
 William ^{Marque}
 Charles ^{Marque}
 Henry ^{Marque}
 Joseph ^{Marque}
 Joseph ^{Marque}
 J.B. Cantin ^{Marque}
 Elton ^{Marque}
 Elton ^{Marque}
 J.B. Dinomi ^{is}
 J. Quin ^{Marque}
 Narcisi ^{Marque}
 Maylor ^{Marque}
 Francis ^{Marque}
 Theophile ^{Marque}
 Emery ^{Marque}
 Saint ^{Marque}
 Madame ^{Marque}
 J.B. ^{Marque}
 Williams ^{Marque}
 Richard ^{Marque}

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To His Excellency The Earl of Elgin,
Governor General of the Province of Canada,
and Captain General of Her Majesty's forces
therein. &c &c &c.

The Memorial of the undersigned
Chiefs of the Ojibwas. Sheweth, that
by the treaty signed and entered the 9th day
of September inst^l between themselves, and
the Hon^{ble} William B. Robinson upon the part
of the Crown, whereby was ceded to the Crown cer-
tain lands at the Sault de St^e Marie, where on
several parties had settled and cultivated, sever-
al of them for upwards of forty years by and with
the consent of ourselves and people, and with scarce
one exception, all have married Indian women, and
by them have families, with these exceptions the whole
of the inhabitants of the Sault are what are termed
"half breeds" very many of them, the children of the
Sisters and the daughters of your Memorialists. Thus
having an inheritance in the Country equal to our
own, and bound to it by as strong and heartfelt ties
as we ourselves, we being apprehensive that the Government
after having purchased this land of which these people
also are equally the rightful and just owners, it would
exact from them a purchase money, far beyond that
which the Government has paid to us, to participate
in which the half breeds are not permitted by the Gov-
ernment, ~~the~~ the Chiefs therefore had prepared an article to
be inscribed in the deed of Treaty in the following
words, "The Schedule herunto annexed is to be taken
and considered as a part of this treaty and the tracts or
parcels of land now in occupation or possession of the
several individuals mentioned, shall be granted, by
a free grant from the Crown, to each of the individuals
respectively and their heirs and assigns forever, said
patent to be issued so soon after the signing and
ratification of the treaty as possible" But the Honorable
the Commissioner not feeling himself authorized

to accede

to accede to such stipulation, did not have it inserted, but advised your memorialists to appeal to the representative of the Sovereign to have the people therein referred to, protected in their lands and properties in the manner above described, many are qualified by education, knowledge of civilised life, and habits of industry to protect their own interest and maintain themselves as independent members of the community, and thus the example and encouragement held out by the admission of the more enlightened of our people to all the privileges of the whites will be the highest incentive to exertion to those other of our people, who are not yet advanced to such a stage of civilisation as would enable them to take care of themselves.

Another article we had desired to introduce was as follows "It being deemed important that the 'Halfbreeds' scattered through this extensive country, should be stimulated to exertion and improvement by the possession of permanent property and fixed residences the Ojibwa nation, in consideration thereof and the affection they bear these people and their children and the interest they feel in their welfare, grant to each of the persons described in the schedule hereto annexed, one hundred acres of land to be located upon ~~some~~ some part of the lands ceded by this treaty, and that free patents for each hundred acres, shall be granted by the Government to the individuals respectively and their ^{heirs} forever, so soon as the parties therein referred to, shall have made the location they desire respectively.

The same reasons which precluded the above articles applies also to the following.

"The majority of the inhabitants of the Sault being attached to the Roman Catholic Religion and having for many years past, set apart a piece of ground for the purposes of a Chapel and Mission house and upon which also is their burying ground, the same shall be granted by patent to the Roman Catholic Bishop of

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Toronto and his successors in office for the
 purposes above mentioned. - and your Memo-
 rialists will ever pray.

Witness

C. C. Brumby

James C. Matheson

Allen Macdonell

Joseph ^{his} Na-bun-a go ging
 mark

Shingwauke ^{his}
 mark

Na-bee ^{his}
 mark

Beabedong ^{his}
 mark

Schedule of the Inhabitants of the village
of the Sault de St^e Marie referred to in the ac-
= Companying Memorial.

Jean Baptiste Bonneau	1 3/4	acres front 3 acres deep
Pierre Mastean	1 1/2	" in rear of same 8 "
Michael La Batte	2	" front 18 "
Charles Meron	2	" " 18 "
Alexander McKay	1	" " 10 "
Michael Boyer	1	" " 10 "
The widow Françoise Boyer	1	" " 10 "
Henric La Roche	1	" " 10 "
Joseph Mauville	1 1/2	" " 10 "
William Perrault	1 1/4	" " 10 "
Joseph Le Fond	3	" " 18 "
Joseph Biron	1 1/2	" " 18 "
Xavier Biron	1 1/2	" " 18 "
Etienne Colleneau	2	" " 50 "
Charleau Cadotte	1/2	" " 5 "
The Mission & Grave Yard	1/2	" " 10 "
Charles Baker Ermatinger	4	" " 50 "
Arlette Fontaine wife of M ^r . Canton	2	" " 10 "
Raymond Mastean	1/2	" " 10 "
Joseph Na-ba-na-go-ging (Chief)	1	" " 18 "
Henry Na-ba-na-go-ging	1	" " 10 "
Michael Sarette	2 1/2	" " 18 "
Jean Baptiste La Sage	1 1/2	" " 10 "
Xavier Perrault	1 3/4	" " 18 "
Jean Baptiste Crochere	1 1/2	" " 18 "
Joseph Boisseneau	3	" " 18 "
Catherine Sarette (wife Henry Sarette)	2	" " 10 "
Jean Baptiste Denombre	2 1/2	" " 18 "
St ^e Marc Martin	2 1/2	" " 18 "
The widow of John Driver	4	" " 18 "
Alexis Biron	1/2	" " 10 "
Joachim Biron		1/2 "
Pierre Boyer	1/2	" " 10 "
Joussant Tarreau	one	acre
Thomas Cadran	"	"

Amable McMay	~~~~~	One acre
Richard Grant	}	
Francis Grant		
William Grant		
Joseph Grant		
J. Nolan		5 acres front 18 in depth
Joshua Thott		2 " " 6 " "
John Corbier		50 acres
Laurence Nolan		50 "
Sean Robertes		50 "
Joseph Bouscaneux		2 acres in front 18 in depth

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List of Names to which the article refers
 requesting that one Hundred Acres of land
 be granted to Certain Half Breeds

Charlene Cadotte & 34 others

Augustin LaPonce

Etienne Solenneau

Louis Garneau

Francis

Louison Cadotte

Pierre LaSage

Joseph LaSage

Alexis Biron

Charles Biron

Joseph Tarette

Joseph La Rose

Francis Boisseneau

Jean Baptiste Soulier

Jean Baptiste de Rouel

Michael Cadotte

Louis La Force

Charles Boyer

Raymond Mastean

William Cameron

John Newakonee Cameron

Michael Nolen

John Mastean

David Nolen

Toussaint Shirs

James Bailey

Joseph Biron

Alexander McMay

Toussaint Mastean

Pierre Boyer

Alexis Cadotte

Louis Cadotte

Charles Cadotte Jr

John Garneau

Jean Baptiste Coutin

Josiah Biron

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