

Rideau Purchase

November 28, 1819

THIS INDENTURE, made the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, between Nawacamigo, Antenewayway, Kabratsiwaybiyebe, Wabakeek, Shewitagan, Kotanche, Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Niboirinin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek, the Chiefs and Principal Men of the Missisague Nation of Indians inhabiting and claiming the tract of land hereinafter mentioned, of the first part, His most Gracious Majesty George the Fourth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, of the second part, and the Honorable William Claus, of the Town of Niagara, in the District of Niagara, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in the Province of Upper Canada, of the Third part:

Whereas by a certain provisional agreement entered into the thirty-first day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, between John Ferguson, of the Town of Kingston, in the Country of Frontenac, in the Midland District of the Province of Upper Canada aforesaid, acting on behalf of His late Majesty King George the Third, of Blessed Memory, of the one part, and the said Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Nibinowinin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek, the Chiefs and Principal Men of the Missisague Nation of other part, it was agreed that, in consideration of an annuity of two pounds and ten shillings of lawful money of the Province aforesaid, payable in goods at the Montreal price, to be well and truly paid by His said late Majesty, His heirs and successors, to each man, woman and child of the said Missisagua Nation and to their posterity forever, provided the number of annuitants and any time should not exceed two hundred and fifty-seven, being the number of persons then composing the said Nation claiming and inhabiting the said tract of land, the said Nawacamigo, Antenewayway, Kabratsiwaybiyebe, Wabakeek, Shewitagan, Kotanche, Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Niboirinin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek, the Chiefs and Principal Men of the Missisague Nation aforesaid, as well for themselves as for the said Missisagua Nation of Indians inhabiting and claiming the said tract of land, did freely and voluntarily agree to surrender and convey a certain tract of land hereinafter more particularly mentioned and described, containing about two million seven hundred and forty-eight thousand acres, more or less, unto His said Majesty, His heirs and successors.

NOW IN THIS INDENTURE, Witnesseth, that in pursuance of the said agreement, and as well in consideration of the said annuity of two pounds and ten shillings, payable in merchandise at the Montreal price, during the life of each annuitant, to each man, woman or child of the said Missisagua Nation of Indians, who at the time of entering into the said agreement claimed and were inhabiting the tract of land hereinafter described and intended to be hereby surrendered to His said Majesty, and to their posterity forever as aforesaid, as of the sum of five shillings of lawful money of the Province aforesaid to each of them to said Nawacamigo, Antenewayway, Kabratsiwaybiyebe, Wabakeek, Shewitagan, Kotanche, Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Niboirinin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek, in hand well and truly paid by His Majesty, at or before

the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Nawacamigo, Antenewayway, Kabratsiwaybiyebe, Wabakeek, Shewitagan, Kotanche, Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Niboirin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek do hereby acknowledge; they the said Nawacamigo, Antenewayway, Kabratsiwaybiyebe, Wabakeek, Shewitagan, Kotanche, Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Niboirin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek have and each of them hath granted, bargained, sold, released, surrendered, and forever yielded up and by these presents do and each of them doth grant, bargain, sell, release, surrender and forever yield up, and by these presents do and each of them doth, grant, bargain, sell, release, surrender and forever yield up unto His said Majesty, His heirs and successors, all that parcel of tract of land situate, lying and being in the Midland and Johnstown Districts of the Province aforesaid, containing by admeasurement two million seven hundred and forty-eight thousand acres, be the same more or less, which said parcel or tract of land is butted and bounded, may be otherwise known as follows, that is to say:

Commencing at the north-west angle of the Township of Rawdon; then along the division line between produced north sixteen degrees west from the north-east angle of the Township of Bedford; then north sixteen degrees west to the Ottawa or Grand River; then down the said river to the north-west angle of the Township of Nepean; then south sixteen degrees east fifteen miles, more or less, to the north-east angle of the Township of Marlborough; then south fifty-four degrees west to the north-west angle of the Township of Crosby; then south seventy-four degrees west sixty-one miles, more or less, to the place of beginning; together with all woods and waters thereon, and all singular the rights, privileges, easements, benefits and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, trust, interest, use, claim, and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of the said Missisagua Nation of Indians inhabiting and claiming the said parcel or tract of land. To have and to hold the said parcel or tract of land, hereditaments and premises hereby surrendered and yielded up, or intended so to be, with their and every of their rights, member and appurtenances, unto His said Majesty King George the Fourth, His heirs and successors, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of His said Majesty, His heirs and successors forever.

And the said William Claus, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, as aforesaid, on behalf of our said Lord the King, His heirs and successors, doth hereby for himself and his successors in the said office covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Nawacamigo, Antenewayway, Kabratsiwaybiyebe, Wabakeek, Shewitagan, Kotanche, Nawakeshecom, Shawandais, Kiwaishe, Niboirin, Kakekijick, Papewaun, Wabekenense, Naganseway, Ketchegam, Kamenjonweney, Shebeshe, Nacawagan, and Wabasek, that he, the said William Claus, and his successors in the said office, shall and will well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto each man, woman and child of the said Missisagua Nation of Indians who at the time of entering into the said agreement inhabited and claimed the said tract of land, and to their descendants and posterity forever, an annuity of two pounds and ten shillings of lawful money of Upper Canada, in goods and merchandise at the Montreal price, provided always that the number of persons entitled to receive the same shall in no case exceed two hundred and fifty-seven persons, that being the number of persons claiming and inhabiting the said tract at the time of concluding the provisional agreement hereinbefore mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. The Indians not knowing how to write, have made their marks against their respective seals.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of }

J.P. HAWKINS, *Major 68th Regt. And Lt. Col.*,

WM. SMYTH, *Lieut. 68th Regt.*,

JOHN FERGUSON, *I. I. D.*

NAWACAMIGO, (totem) [L.S.]

ANTENEWAYWAY, (totem) [L.S.]

KABRATSIWAYBIYEBE, (totem) [L.S.]

WABAKEEK, (totem) [L.S.]

SHEWITAGAN, (totem) [L.S.]

PEJEHEJECK, (totem) [L.S.]

PAPEWAN, (totem) [L.S.]

WABEKENENSE, (totem) [L.S.]

NAGANASAWAY, (totem) [L.S.]

SHEBESHEE, (totem) [L.S.]

NIAQUAKAN, (totem) [L.S.]

WABANZICK, (totem) [L.S.]