

To the Most High, Pious and Illustrious Prince Albert Edward,  
Prince of Wales &c &c &c

May it please your Royal Highness.

We the Savia Band of the Ojibway Tribe of  
the aborigines of North America beg most fervently to  
approach your Royal Highness and to offer to you a cordial  
welcome upon your visit to this portion of the dominions of your  
Royal Mother.

When we heard that our great Mother the Queen  
had sent you as Her Representative to visit Her Canadian  
people, our hearts were made glad and we rejoiced that an  
opportunity would be afforded to us of approaching your  
Royal Highness and of conveying through you to our Great  
Mother this our humble expression of the sincere loyalty and  
affectionate attachment which we her red children entertain  
for Her.

Your Royal Highness can doubt well aware that  
the Ojibways of Canada have always been true and loyal  
to the British Crown and that in times of peril and strife  
they raised the warcry and fought and bled in defence  
of the rights of their Sovereign and that although now very  
small and few in numbers when compared with our  
white Brothers, yet we feel ourselves strong in our rights  
and as ready as heretofore if circumstances should  
ever require us to take up arms in defence of our hearths  
and fires against the foes of our country.

We pray that the health and life of your Royal  
Highness may be spared that you may enjoy a long  
life protected by the great spirit from all evil and  
danger during your visit to America and that  
you may enjoy a long life of peace, happiness and  
prosperity and after this life an eternal weeping  
glory.

Signed in behalf of the Band at  
Savina Reserve this 27th day of Aug 1860  
D. Mawawana T. K.

Joseph Mawawana  
John Paul Brown  
Johnstone Haupatagan  
George Ashquapeway