

Jamaica Indian Reserve
29th July 1863

Dear Sir

I have the letter before me which was sent to you by my poor father. And I beg leave to make a few remarks on it. When I had received your very kind note dated 15th ~~July~~ stating your opinions on the present movements and intentions of father and ~~few~~ ^{many} ~~others~~, ~~and~~ I was just about going to call a Council, when I got your note in time to make a good use of it, so I at once announced a public Council to be held on the 28th inst for the express purpose of counteracting any thing that might be the cause of ruining and destroying my poor Indians, knowing that father and ~~others~~ ^{capital} were doing every thing they could to induce the Indians to join them, and when they knew that ~~some~~ ^{this principal object} of the Indians ~~were~~ ^{were} not to be easily led away to suit their purposes, then they began to use some very strong threats. When the Council met, it was full, father and his ~~party~~ ^{party} were there. I explain^{ed} every thing for the good of my Indians ~~and~~ they were so highly pleased to know I was their true friend and ^{that} will stand by them to the very last, ~~and~~ at the conclusion of my speech, I thought I would read a portion of your note to them, believing it would do more good than any thing else, ~~and~~ I was very happy to tell them that you had some feelings ^{for} them well fare and prosperity. Now my dear friend you can not begin to imagine what good effect your ~~note~~ ^{note} had on the poor Indians when I was reading and explaining your note to them, that is, those ^{that}

that are determined to remain members of the Methodist
Church, they cheered me heartily, of course the other few
~~part~~ would not listen to it ^{but} even said before
me, the note was not from you & I am very
happy to inform you that the best and the
most intelligent ~~part~~ of the Band ^{will remain}
~~as they are~~ ^{as they are} - ~~and~~ as for the secesses of the
English Church being permanently established
for their eternal good. I say in few words we
will never condescend to surrender a por-
tion of our Reserve to the Crown for that purpose
nor for the sake of gratifying the most drunken
and disorderly portion of our tribe, father has
been prevailed upon by some persons to join
the English Church by promises & favors - as he
states in his ^{letter} that the beginning of all his troubles
is caused by the Rev. S. Hulbut ^{it} is not so
we have nothing against the Rev. Gentleman,
and as for myself I have never had any inten-
tion to do a single act that would injure my
band, or one man on the Reserve, as our superintendent
can say - In conclusion, allow me to say in
answer to my father's statement, saying that he
has but little confidence in me, the Indians
in general (as I have already ^{stated} the most
intelligent portion of the community) have
full confidence in me ^{integrity} as you will see by
the names attached to the document that was
sent to His Excellency the Governor General
the copy ^{of} which I sent to you, should his Excellency
refer to you

I also gave to Mr. Mackenzie our
member of parliament a copy, I also showed
him all letters on the subject and I now

Leave the matter in his hands, as the doctor informs me he is with your knowledge of our affairs, the only person who should act in all cases of the kind under the circumstances we are placed ⁱⁿ at present, as all our affairs with the Government must come under his notice - Hoping this may find you in good health. I am dear Sir

Your Old friend
David B. Wauanothe
head chief of the Ojibway
Indians Sabria