

Mr. C. Watson

Sir,

Samia 9th Sept - 1861.

In the year 1860 Mr W. Sprague came to Samia to ask the Indians to surrender a portion of their Reserve adjoining the Town of Samia myself (W. Wawanoosh) David Wawanoosh and Joshua Wawanoosh occupied that two hundred acres of land holding a quit Claims deed,

And after an interview with the Deputy Supt. W. Sprague Esquire we agreed to give up our two hundred acres to be sold for the public benefit of the Samia band of Indians. The following compensations were agreed to in Council to be paid to the three founders mentioned above 1st each of us four lots yearly allowances for life, & to select unoccupied farm lots on the unceded portion of the Reserve with location tickets as this is entitled property to our heirs. I have thought highly that I would put in 2 or 3 lot with one the lot that I have selected & have if allowable by the proper authorities in Ottawa. You will greatly oblige me by sending this letter to Ottawa at your earliest convenience. Yours Truly W. Wawanoosh