

Memoirial to the Right Honorable Sir  
Edmund Walker Esq, Baronet,  
Governor General of British North America  
and Capt General and Governor in Chief  
in and over the Provinces of Canada  
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the  
Island of Prince Edward and Vice Admiral  
of the same &c &c

Father

We the undersigned Chiefs and Warriors  
assembled in Council, pray that  
your Excellency will give an attentive  
ear to the voice of your red children.  
It is with feelings of sorrow that we  
hear of the act passed for the purpose  
of allowing an Indian to purchase  
if he felt desirous of doing so.

We are sorry that such an indelicacy  
is held out to separate our people.

If any person availing himself of this  
imprudent act, should fail to  
do well and lose his little piece of land,  
he is forbidden to ever return into his  
tribe. All red men are brethren, and  
our hearts would bleed to see one of our  
brothers wandering about the highways  
without a right of returning to his tribe.

Father

There is another thing, that is the Report  
of the Indian Commissioner, published  
 lately, respecting our different tribes;  
and also recommending the surrender  
of our land; we look on this with  
doubtful eyes; our lands are small  
enough now, and rather than surrender  
more.

were saved, let our life blood be taken  
at our own fireside, by the pale face,  
who wields the red man's bedsticker, such  
is the love we have for our wigwams  
that shelter our little ones.

The Report also suggests the education  
of our children, and the civilization  
of our people & we do not object to this  
part, but would like to see the im-  
provement of our people, and some day  
to become equal with the white man,  
as we are but young in experience,  
this we hope will increase with our years.

Father! We also hear that we are to be cut off  
from our great Mother the Union,  
and to be placed entirely under the  
control of the Provincial Parliament.  
We do not see why our great Mother  
should feel anxious to part with her  
children, accustomed to think of her as  
our parent we want to remain as we  
are under her protection.

Father! Our views on these subjects will be more  
fully explained in the minutes of the  
Council to be transmitted to you. It is  
for these reasons that so many of our  
different Tribes are assembled together,  
that their voice may be heard.  
In returning thanks for what has been  
done by the white man, both for our good  
and prosperity, and at the same time  
expressing their fears for the future,  
praying for the redress of these grievances  
as we have put for your consideration.

humbly hoping that your Excellency will  
be moved by the petition of your red  
children.

Onondaga Long House

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