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Indian Office
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I have to acquaint you with reference to your letter of the 15th Inst. in which you describe a Movement among the Chippewas of Sarnia having for its object the removal from office of Chief and Interpreter David Mawanosh and the substitution of William Mawanosh in his stead that very ample testimony having been received rebutting in so conclusive a manner the imputations brought against him that it is my duty to express regret that the Chippewas of Sarnia whose conduct has in general been exemplary should have permitted themselves to be made instrumental in undermining the character of one of their members whom such men as Mr. Galloway, Hinckley, Malcolm Cameron, Davis, Adams, Dr. Johnston, J. Cranford, M. Clarke, J. Kelly, Red G., J. R. Salter, Alfred Fisher, and a large number of other persons have given their testimony to being a man of upright character and sober habits. In conclusion I need scarcely say that so far from acquiescing in the course pursued in this matter by the Chippewas, their conduct deserves an expression of decided disapprobation, and this you will have the goodness to communicate to those Indians who have taken a leading part in this affair.

I have the Hon. W. L. C.
Sir your Obedt^t
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