

Copy

Port Linnua 17th February 1838.

Sir

I have considered the answers of the Capt. General to the questions put to you by me regarding my position, location & what advantages would be entitled me by accepting the offer empowered by the Act of last session, and being dissatisfied on some points of the evident intention of the Department, it becomes necessary to write you again on the subject.

1st I am perfectly satisfied with the assurance of the Department that I would be entitled to the Capital of my share of the Quantity, and of the yearly interest arising from the land sales, also the additional annual payment of \$300. secured to me by the provisional agreement at the time of the late surrender.

2nd But I am dissatisfied to perceive that the Dept. is unwilling that I should have that portion of the Reserve which I occupy secured to me permanently on account as I suppose that you think I would be on the way of the whites in gliding their town Southward. It may not be amiss to tell you at once that I have no desire to retard the progress of the town in any ^{way} whatever but rather have an interest in it. Still I want to retain my lot ^{and} have ^{my} rights secured in such a way that I would have full power to comply ^{with} the demands of it when it is actually required and this I am fully convinced would satisfy all parties. And as to my land they are perfectly willing that this lot appertaining to me should be secured (to me) providing I do not get any more land after that is done ^{redibly} or being born raised here on the spot. I do not see why the Government should be ~~so~~ indifferent to my ~~per~~ ^{undisputed} claims & rights.

3rd Been so fond of the Society of the white people
 I have chosen to remain ~~near the town~~ ^{near the town} ~~and~~ ^{near} ~~my~~ ^{my} present location & will never think of removing
 to any other place. And I humbly request that
 the Department will forthwith make ~~and~~ ^{and} arrangements
~~such that~~ ^{will} ~~put~~ ^{me} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~possession~~ ^{possession} of all ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~rights~~ ^{rights} ~~so~~ ^{so} that I ~~may~~ ^{may}
~~feel~~ ^{shall} ~~that~~ ^{feel} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~rights~~ ^{rights} are ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~recognized~~ ^{recognized} as
 it should be. And ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Department~~ ^{Department} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~manifested~~ ^{manifested}
 towards my poor family.

4th I have no particular objection that I should be restricted
 in the quantity of land that I would get providing I do
 not get too small a quantity. I would accept 85 acres
 which would be a good deal less than what the rest of
 the Indians are to get and less than what I should have
 by right.

5th I shall not decide to take advantage of the Act
 until steps are taken by the Department that will enable
 me to become free & independent ~~at once~~

Saidy I am ^{ordered} ~~requested~~ to state that my Brother William
 is in the same position as I am, & desires ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~may~~ ^{may}
 be favored with the same ~~privileges~~ ^{privileges} that I am
 asking for myself. Also that of my father
 who is now aged & infirm expects that justice he
 is entitled to, be done him regarding his property

I am Sir
 Your ob^{servant} ^{servant}
 David Strowman
 David Chubb

To H. Calhoun Esq
 }
 Pt Linn

Letter from Dr. Brewster
to the Dept. respecting his
position, creation &c
Semin Feb. 17. 1838.

