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Petition No. 115.

In Committee 23rd February 1844

The Committee recommend
that the land prayed for be
reserved from Public Sale
that the Petitioners have a
License of occupation during
pleasure -

Conferred in Council
21st March 1844

Peter Shawauijupene
— Indian Chief
to be granted to the
occupation of a tract
of land in Bedford
near South Sheebrook

recd 26th Aug 42
from Capt. Webb

W^m Macmahon will
please report upon
this subject

C.C.L.O. J.P.
3rd Aug 42

Communicated to the Commissioner
of Crown Lands and to the Chief
Supt. of Indian Affairs. 26th
March 1844

To
His Excellency The Right Honorable
Sir Charles Bagot K. B. C.
Governor-General of British North America
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In Council

The petition of Peter Shawanipinepsi one of
the Indians of the Lake of the two mountains tribe
Humbly Sheweth - That your petitioner together
with ten other Indians of the same tribe with their
families have long been accustomed to spend the
hunting season in the tract of country embraced within
the limits of the townships of Bedford, Oso and South
Sherbrooke - and now that their natural means of
subsistence have become precarious by reason of
the settlement of the country, they have of late turned
their attention, in part, to the cultivation of Corn and
potatoes, and are now anxious to be protected, by
your Excellency in Council, in the occupation of a
limited tract of land within these townships where-
on they may be allowed to support their families
and as the land is of a very poor quality, Your
Petitioners hope they will not be refused.

Referring your Excellency in Council to Mr.
Morrison of Bath and Mr. Kingston of Bedford for
further particulars, and your petitioner as in duty
bound shall ever pray.

Peter Shawanipinepsi

Bath 17th July 1862

I have known Peter, Sha wa ne pi ne si for upwards
of twenty five years, and I consider him and his
companions as well entitled to any indulgence
which the government may think proper to extend to them.

The greater part of the land where they reside is
wholly unfit for cultivation, and a complaint with
the price of the furlong will not in any manner interfere
with the settlement of the townships agreed to.

Beth 22nd July 1842

D. Morris

Crown Land Agency. Kingston
4th August 1842

Upon the Petition of the Indians of the Lakes of the Mountains
referred to me I have the honor to report, That certain broken
lots of land in the 9th, 10th and 11th Concessions of Bedford were
surrendered by the Mississauga Indians to the government,
and were advertised for sale but not sold in 1836. Of these
lands so surrendered, but for what compensation I do not
know - if it please His Excellency so to direct a portion might
with advantage be given to the applicants under a
lease of occupation; and I make no doubt but that
a Settlement of those Indians in Bedford, Olden and
the rear Townships now a wilderness would prove very
useful in the event of those townships being open for immediate
settlement - for intercommunication by Canoes could not be
in better hands.

A Manahay Agent for
The Mid District

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Perth 22nd July 1842

Mr.

May I beg that you will
have the goodness to lay the accom-
panying petition before His Excellency
the Governor General & Council?

I remain

Mr.

To the

S.H. Garrison

and

W. Morris

Hon. Mr. Secretary

W. Morris

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a license of occupation
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a tract of land in
Bedford, O.S.O., and
St. Sherbrooke

See letter to Civil Secretary
8th Jan'y 45

Survey regⁿ of W.M. Pearson

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See letter to Civil Sec'y & S.P. Stevenson

See letter to C.M. Pearson 18 Sept 45

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On the Petition of Peter Shawainpsinssi one
of the Indians of the Lake of Two Mountains Tribe,
to be protected in the occupation of a Tract of Land
in Bedford, 030 and South Sherbrooke. - It is
Ordered that the land prayed for be reserved from
Public Sale and that the Petitioner have a
license of occupation during pleasure.

Wm P. See.

To The Commissioner of Crown Lands

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Indian Office
Bingston Oct. 29. 1843.

A strong desire has been manifested by the band of Indians over whom the Petitioner presides as the Chief to turn their attention to agricultural pursuits and settle permanently on the tract of land asked for in the annexed petition.

The tract containing somewhere about 2000 acres and situate principally in the Townships of Lso and Bedford being bounded on all sides by chains of small Lakes is quite secluded and thereby rendered peculiarly adapted for an Indian settlement, although the quality of the soil is not particularly good.

The Honble W Morris appears by his certificate annexed to be well acquainted with the Chief and his followers numbering

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about 91 souls and speaks in
high terms of their characters and
general good conduct, and he is
of opinion that the tract made
choice of by them will not in any
manner interfere with the settlement
of ^{the} country adjacent to it.

The map or sketch hereto
annexed will explain the precise
situation of the tract.

I think it most desirable
that these Indians should be
encouraged in every practicable
way to persevere in their
laudable intention of becoming
agriculturists.

The government for many years
past has been endeavoring to collect
the scattered bands (many of whom
are still leading a wild and
wandering life in the Northern
parts of the Province) with the
view of inducing them to have
fixed places of residence and
redact the course of life now

sent to Mr. McPherson
April 5th 1845

determined on by the band in question; and the endeavor has been successful in very many instances.

The opportunity which now presents itself to settle the band to which the petition has reference & who are represented to me as being very poor and heretofore ^{to} have depended almost altogether for the support and maintenance of their families on hunting and fishing, should not in my opinion be lost. I therefore respectfully recommend that the tract asked for be set apart for them and their posterity on the same terms and conditions that the Reservations in other parts of the Province have been made for the several Resident Tribes and that the Surveyor General be directed to cause a survey of the same to be made for that purpose.

Indian Office
October 29th 1843

W. D. Harris
Chas. Gaffin



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