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In Committee 23^d Feb^y 1844

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

Confirmed in Council
21st March 1844

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

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Petition No. 115.

Peter Mawani-punepi
— Indian Chief

to be protected to the
occupation of a tract
of land in Bedford
Co. & South Sherbrook

recd 26th Aug 42
from Suby M^{rs}

Mr Mawani-hui will
please report upon
the within

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

J^{rs}

His Excellency The Right Honorable
 Sir Charles Bagot K. C. B.
 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, Oss 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.
 Morris of Perth and Mr. Kingston of Bedford for
 further particulars, and your petitioner as in duty
 bound shall ever pray.

pie n. sha wa nipine si

South 17th July 1842

I have known Peter, Sha wa ni pi nes 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 compliance with the prayer of the petition will not in any manner interfere with the settlement of the townships referred to.

Perth 22nd July 1842

Wm. Morris

Crown Lands Agency. Kingston

4 August 1842

Upon the Petition of the Indians of the Lake 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 equivalent I do not know - if it pleased 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 these Indians in Bedford Oss, Eldon 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

Sir

May I beg that you will
have the goodness to lay the accomp-
anying petition before His Excellency
the Governor General in Council?

I remain

Sir

Yr. Servant

Wm. Morris

J. B. Harrison

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Gov. General

W. Morris

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21st March 44

Peter Shawainpinessi
a licensee of occupation
during pleasure of
a tract of land in
Rexford, Oso, and
St. Herberts

See letter to Civil Secretary
8th Jan'y, 45

Survey reg^d of W. M. Pherson

1st September 45
See letter to Civil Secy. of W. M. Pherson

12 Sept 45
See letter to Act W. M. Pherson 18 Sept 45
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Council 21st March 1844

On the Petition of Peter Shawainpinesse one
of the Indians of the Lake of Two Mountains Tribe,
to be protected in the occupation of a Tract of Land
in Bedford, ~~Co~~ 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. J. See.

To H.
The Commissioner of Crown Lands

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Indian Office
Kingston. 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 is 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 nomadic life in the Northern parts of the Province) with the view of inducing them to have fixed places of residence and adapt the course of life now

Sent to Mr. J. P. H. on
April 2nd '45

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

Wm. Harris
Ch. Sec. Indian Affairs



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