

Petition
of the
Mauds of Anderson

to the
Honorable the Senate
of
Canada

Dated the 5th Nov 1873

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To the Honorable the House
of Commons of the Dominion
of Canada, in Parliament
Assembled

The Petition of the undersigned
Chief and Warriors of the Myaudott
Indians of the Township of Auderdon
in the County of Essex and Province
of Ontario, in Council assembled,
Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners, reside upon
and occupy a tract of lands reserved
for their benefit, in the said Township
of Auderdon, comprising nearly eight
thousand acres, they have also, a stone
quarry reservation, in the same Township
comprising nearly two hundred acres
and a large sum of money, invested,
by the Department of Indian Affairs
at Ottawa, for and in their behalf, as well
as other monies, due and owing to them

That there are now only seventy-five
members of your Petitioners band, in-
cluding men, women and children
entitled to, and interested in, the lands
and money above referred to.

That your Petitioners and every
member of your Petitioners' band, are
able to speak, the English or French
and in most cases, both languages
quite readily (the majority of whom
are able to read and write quite readily
and well) and are sufficiently advanced
in education, to enable them or the male
members

members of them, to enter into and engage as they have been, for years, according to their respective ages, means and positions, engaged, in Agricultural, Mercantile, professional and other pursuits,

That your Petitioners and their bands, are desirous of being, enfranchised, and submit, that they are all sufficiently, sober, industrious, intelligent, educated and civilized to entitle them, to the change of condition which they hereby seek, but they are advised and believe, that the act for the gradual enfranchisement of Indians, is, inapplicable and insufficient to meet the case and wishes of your Petitioners, and their bands, who desire, among other things to have their reserved lands, allotted and patented to them, respectively, in such proportion as may appear meet, in Fee Simple, or for such other estate, as may be disposed of and descend, according to the Law respecting real property, in Ontario, to have the residue thereof, if any, sold for their benefit, on such terms, and in such manner as may appear most desirable, and to have their principal and other monies divided between them equally share and share alike

Your Petitioners therefore pray, that the act above referred to, may be amended or that a special act, may be passed to meet their case
and

and wishes as herein set forth
And your Petitioners as
in duty bound will ever pray

Done at Council House, Anderson
this 5th day of October 1873

Joseph ^{big} White-Chief
Alex. ^{mark} Clarke
Joseph Clarke
Alexander White
Alexander Clark jr
Thomas White
Randolph Clarke
Peter White

S. White
John Clarke
Israel Splitlog
Jerome Clarke
Lewis Harrow
Thomas Harrow
Joseph White Junior