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Manistique, Michigan
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Every year I am confronted with a bill from the city clerk calling for a payment of the above named tax. To my opinion I really think, what little property I own should be exempted from this tax roll.

My fishing outfit is valued at six hundred dollars (\$600.) And is taxed for \$22.27 for one year. This payment is due the 1st. of March, and I cannot afford to pay. The city clerk notified me recently if this tax is unpaid, my property will be sold by the city. Has this city the right to tax my property? I understand that an Indian's property cannot be taxed. If I should lose my property on account of failing to pay taxes. I will depend entirely on this city for my boat and nets are my only means of living.

Every year I pay \$22.50 for a fishing license where I think I don't [need it.] In the agreement made on July 31st. 1855, it claims that Indians are not required to have game licenses then why should I require a commercial fishing license to carry on my business?

Please write and let me know the rights of an Indian in this tax and license matter, and also please inform his Honor Franklin D. Roosevelt, for I need his help in the personal property tax case.

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