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War Department
Office Indian Affairs
August 29. 1835

Sir,

Your letter of the 25th June was received during the absence of the Secretary of War, and has been submitted to him since his return.

He has instructed me to say, that it has not hitherto ^{been} contemplated by the government, to extend their purchases into Lake Huron. If however the Indians residing on Ottawa Island are disposed to sell Drummonds Island to the United States on reasonable terms, the proposition will be duly considered. You are requested to ascertain and communicate to this office, the considerations they would require for the cession. If the purchase should then be deemed expedient, an estimate will be submitted to Congress.

You are also requested to ascertain, if the Indians residing North of Grand river are willing to part with any portion of their lands; and if they are, to what extent, and upon what terms.

Very respectfully
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