

NAM M1 R. 72:323-324. November 17, 1835. W. Johnston to H. Schoolcraft.

Michilimackinac  
Nov. 17th 1835

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions dated the 7th inst., I proceeded to the Sault Ste. Maries, And at which place I met the two Chiefs (Iaubawandick or Khaiskee and Shawono I stated to them the purpose of my visit, and inquired of them on what conditions they would be willing to cede Drummond Island, or any other portion of their lands. They answered in behalf of their your men, that they were willing to cede their lands to the United States on reasonable terms, the terms to be left to the discretion of the Agent appointed by government; with this provision, they, to have a full right to hunt, on the ceded lands, as long as they were unoccupied, and to make such reservations as they should think proper.

I then proceeded to the foot of Sugar Island, where Ocunogeegeed, one of the claimants to the above named island resides. He and his young men also perfectly coincide in opinion, with the above named Chiefs.

Henry R. Schoolcraft, Esq.  
Washington

I am Sir  
Respectfully  
Your Obt. Servt.  
William Johnston

Copy of the original letter to the Secretary of War

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Michilimackinac

Nov. 17th 1835

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions dated the 11th inst, I proceeded to the Island St. Ignace, and at which place I met the two Chiefs (Sagabawmick or Minickie and Shawone. I stated to them the purport of my visit, and inquired of them on what conditions they would be willing to cede Drummonds Island, or any other portion of their lands. They answered in the behalf of their young men, that they were willing to cede their lands to the United States, on reasonable terms, the terms to be left to the discretion of the Agent appointed by government, with this provision, they, to have a full right to hunt, on the ceded lands, as long as they were unoccupied; and to make such reservations as they should think proper.

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