

MOHAWK NATION OF THE GRAND RIVER

THE SIMCOE PROCLAMATION 1796

Upper-Canada.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN G. SIMCOE. ESQ.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND MAJOR GENERAL OF
HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES, &c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS it appears by the minutes of the Council of the late Province of Quebec, dated Monday the ninth day of November 1789, to have been the desire of his Excellency Lord Dorchester the Governor-General "To put a mark of honor upon the families who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard in America before the treaty of separation in the year 1783, and for that purpose it was then Ordered, by his Excellency in Council, that the several Land Boards (should) take course for preserving a registry of the names of all the persons falling under the description aforementioned, to the end that their posterity might be discriminated from (the then) future settlers in the parish registers and rolls of the militia of their respective district, and other public remembrances of the Province, as proper objects, by their persevering in the fidelity and conduct so honorable to their ancestors, for distinguished benefits and privileges;" but as such registry has not been generally made; and as it is still necessary to ascertain the persons and families upon the lands now about to be confirmed to them, without the incidental expenses attending such grants: - Know KNOW YE, that I have thought proper, by and with the advice and consent of the executive council, to direct all persons, claiming to be confirmed by deed under the seal of the province of their several possessions, who adhered to the unity of the empire and joined the royal standard in America, before the treaty of separation in the year 1783, to ascertain the same oath before the magistrates in the michaelmas quarter-sessions assembled, now next ensuing date of the proclamation, in such manner and form, as the magistrates are directed to receive the same; - and all persons will take notice that if they neglect to ascertain, according to the mode above set forth, their claims to receive deeds without fee, they will not be considered as entitled, in this respect, to the benefit of having adhered to the unity of the empire and joined the royal standard in America before the treaty of separation in the year 1783.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at the government house at York, this six day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and in the thirty-sixth year of this Majesty's reign.

JOHN GRAVES SIMCOE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

By his Excellency's Command,
E. B. LITTLEHALES.