The Haldimand Proclamation

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Frederick Haldimand, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Quebec and Territories depending thereon, &c. &c. &c. General and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in said Province and the Frontiers thereof, &c. &c. &c.

Whereas His Majesty having been pleased to direct that in consideration of the early attachment to his cause manifested by the Mohawk Indians, and of the loss of their settlement which they thereby sustained, that a convenient tract of land under his protection should be chosen as a safe and comfortable retreat for them and others of the Six Nations, who have either lost their settlements within the territory of the American States, or wish to retire from them to the British, I have, at the earnest desire of many of these His Majesty's faithful allies, purchased a tract of land from the Indians situated between the Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron, and I do hereby in His Majesty's name authorize and permit the said Mohawk Nation, and such others of the Six Nation Indians as wish to settle in that quarter, to take possession of and settle upon the banks of the river commonly called Ouse or Grand River, running into Lake Erie, allotting to them for that purpose six miles deep from each side of the river beginning at Lake Erie and extending in that proportion to the head of the said river, which them and their posterity are to enjoy for ever.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at the Castle of St. Lewis at Quebec this twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

Fred. Haldimand.
By His Excellency's command, R. Mathews.

Source. The registered copy, as printed in Indian Treaties and Surrenders, vol. 1, p. 251, and kept in the Nation’s Register; the original parchment, with its seal, reads “Five Nations” and “Five Nation Indians” where the registered copy reads “Six”.

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