Chemong Lake Village 5th April 1847

Sir,

We received your letter informing us of the distress of the poor of Great Britain + Ireland. We have held a Council and authorize you to forward £12.10 out of our annuity, and we further assure you only for our poverty at present that we would subscribe a larger sum to assist our friends in the British settlements for the friendship that we have received from them in former times.

Sir, Mr Nogy our Chief and the greater part of our Indians were at the Council and all present subscribed to the above sum and as a few of them were from home we think should they be present they would have as willingly sanctioned the grants as them that were present. We only let you know of their absence lest complaints be made that they were not all present. As we borrowed Ten pounds from Mr. Gilmour we think it right to remind you of it as he Mr. Gilmour is expecting it as soon as you can with convenience send it to him as it was for provisions he advanced it.

I remain Sir, on behalf of the Indians, your most Humble Servant

Peter Nogy