The Colonial Chain of Command
&
Pre-Confederation Relationships

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Anishinaahek Deshkan Ziibiing
(original people along the antler river)

- Original language, Anishinaabemowin

- COTTFN’s Traditional and Treaty territories together span the entirety of southwestern Ontario, with Traditional Territories extending south of the Canada/U.S. border into Michigan

- Today, COTTFN’s reserve lands measure approximately 10,410 acres located along the Thames River, southwest of London, Ontario
# Pre-Confederation Treaty Relationships

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![Map of Pre-Confederation Treaty Relationships](image)

- Sarnia
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- Chatham-Kent
- Detroit
- Lake Erie
- Lake St. Clair
- Troy
- London
- Toronto
- Hamilton
- Detroit
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Summarized Colonial Hierarchy of U.C. – (c. Early-1820’s)

**UK Government**

**Secretary of State for War and the Colonies**
Henry Bathurst (1812-1827)

**Under-Secretary of State for War and the Colonies**
Henry Graham (1816-1827)
Robert William Horton (1821-1823)

**Imperial Parliament**

**Monarch**
King George III (1761-1820)
King George IV (1820-1830)

**Government of Upper Canada**

**Executive Council**

- President: George Simcoe
- Members:
  - James Dugdale Royly (1792-1812)
  - William Dunmore Price (1800-1813)
  - Samuel Smith (1813-1822)
  - Sir John Beverley Robinson (1817-1834)
  - William Simcoe (1818-1824)

**Provincial Parliament**

- Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada:
  - Sir Peregrine Maitland (1816-1825)

- House of Assembly for Middlesex:
  - John Beverley Robinson (1809-1825)

- Attorney General for Upper Canada:
  - William Minto (1810-1819)

**Land Granting Committee**

- Chair of Commissioners/Chief Justice of Upper Canada:
  - William Drummond (1818-1820)

**Civil Administration of Upper Canada**

**Surveyor General Office**

- Surveyor General:
  - Thomas Mifflin (1811-1829)

**Indian Office**

- Superintendent of Indian Affairs:
  - Sir John Beverley Robinson (1818-1825)
  - Digests, Superintendent of Indian Affairs:
    - William Minto (1818-1822)

**Crown Lands Office**

- Commissioner of the Crown Lands Department:
  - Peter Robinson (1827-1832)
Examples of Relevant Archives and Collections Abroad

- National Archives (London, United Kingdom)
  - Colonial Office 42 manuscripts

- Genealogical Society of Utah
  - Also referred to as FamilySearch
  - Operates the Family History Library (Salt Lake City, Utah)

- The Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library (Detroit, Michigan)
  - “Here in these records, henceforth to be guarded and fostered by the city itself, acting through the agency of its Public Library, is the memory of Detroit.” (Quaife 3)
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"I now wish to conform as much as possible to your ancient Customs, with that view I have brought this Belt with me (being fully persuaded this unfortunate affair would be made up) for the purpose of covering every thing that is past, and I now hand it over to you for that purpose that your uneasiness may never more be thought of.

Delivered to

Capt. John a Belt with 8,000 wampum

"
Wampum & Medals being indispensably necessary & requisite for carrying on public transactions of importance with the Indian Nations, I beg leave to recommend their being sent along with the other Stores as formerly. In order to shew the necessity of sending Wampum I need only mention that for the purpose of preventing the Sackies & Sioux from making war on the United States (no Wampum being in Store)...
There is yet one Ceremony to be gone thro’, it has been done already by Capt. Isaac, but I have to do it in the Name of their Father, that is the Condolence for the death of those who were killed — He then delivered 6 Strings to Capt: John, desiring him to go thro’ the Ceremony of washing away their Tears...and afterward delivered a Belt of 2000 Wampum and Six Strings attached to it, to cover the graves of the Dead, and Capt: John went thro’ the Ceremony as usual on such occasions.
We the undersigned War Chiefs and Village Chiefs are desired by the above nations of Indians, to transmit their ideas to you, on this scrap of paper, as we find that an ancient mode of conveying our ideas in Wampum has no more effect. Therefore, we beg that you will have Patience throughout, though simple it will appear to you, but it is a serious matter to the English Red Children.

Concluding Remarks

from Mr. Kelly Riley