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CITY OF TORON[TO, is probably what is missing]

DE[C is probably what is missing] [unknown number]

1856

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Lewis Burwell Esq

Brantford

[underline]

[unknown word] [squiggly vertical line]

[upside down to this writing]

31. December 1836

[underline]

W.C. Keele

W.K. [Smith?]

[underline]

(REVERSE)

Toronto 31 Decr[sic] 1836

My dear Sir

I send you by this mail Mr Lovejoy's patent for which be pleased to receive for me five dollars [both words underlined] for my extra trouble and charge him with the postage

W.K. Smith

In [unknown word] up the [unknown word – surrender?] I think you had better [unknown word - recite?] the debt owing by the Six nations to W.K. Smith; and that the Chiefs at [unknown word] [unknown word] on the 11 day of Decr 1835 did by an instrument under their hands and seals acknowledge the truth and justice of the demand, and on the part of themselves and the people of the Six nations Indian request that the said demand should be forthwith paid by their Trustees together with eight years interest on the [unknown word] out of the funds of [unknown word] Six nations

And whereas the said W.R. Smith both agreed to accept land in satisfaction of the said debt and with the [unknown word] [symbol for 'and'] [unknown word – consent?] of the Chiefs whose names [symbol for 'and'] seal are hereinto subscribed and fixed both [unknown word] and consented to accept [symbol for 'and'] take the following lands in full satisfaction and discharge of the said debt that is to say [unknown word]

To have and to hold the said lands and premise, hereby [unknown word – surrendered?] [unknown word] his said Majesty King William the fourth his heirs [symbol for 'and'] [unknown word] for ever [sic] [unknown word] the [unknown word] that the said lands [symbol for 'and'] premises may be granted by his Majestys [sic] letters patent to the said W. K. Smith his heirs [unknown word] in satisfaction and discharge of the above mentioned debt [unknown word] [unknown word]. In [unknown word] [unknown word] the said Chiefs in [unknown word] [underlined] [unknown word]

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I enclose you[sic] a copy of the chiefs [sic] deed of the 11 Decr[sic] 1835 in case you should not have one by you.

[Green's ?] Petition

Mr. Hepburn has written to [Dr?] [Duncomb?] to give him notice of this petition [symbol for 'and'] will shortly report if he [unknown word - does?] not receive an answer

William [Sturges?]

I wish you would be good enough to turn to my last letter on this subject [symbol for 'and'] [favour?] me with the requisite information.

[Unknown name] [Burtch?]

Has this [short form for gentleman?] go his deed [unknown word] [unknown word] 10\$

[unknown word] [symbol for 'and'] [Sheehan?]

[Unknown word] [unknown word] is very [anxious?] to get out his deed. Please to bear this in recollection also.

This being the last day of the old year [symbol for 'and'] the last [letter?] I shall probably have occasion to [address?] you, till the commencement of another, [word smudged out] allow me to tender my best wishes of the Season and a prosperous voyage A.D. 1837 [dash]

Remaining my dear [unknown word]

Yours very sincerely

W.C. Keele

[underline flourish]

William [unknown name]

How are you getting on with this [unknown word – survey?]?