

Clepton. Ohawa  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1876

Sir.

I have been informed by the Orawa at Ohawa that they will be struck off pay on the expiration of this month, land was surveyed for them years ago, and not yet given, I think if the government had put them on their land before striking them off pay would have been only fair in this instance, they have been receiving money for no purpose for a long time, for no particular good to the Country but they are loyal natives and I do not want to see them leave Ohawa the government ought to give them their land or give them pay untill they do so. If not they will go back to their settlements at Potomua and Ohawa will be left without any real friendly protection

I have the honor to  
be Sir your most Obed  
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