



Transcription of Micmac Oath

Given at Menaguashe near Fort Howe September 24, 1778

I do promise to bear faith and true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the third.

I do promise to make known to the Kings Officers and Magistrates any designs of the Enemy Against his Majestys Garrisons, Troops, or good Subjects, that may come to my knowledge.

I do promise to protect and keep safe from any Insult Outrage or Captivity the persons of Michael Francklin, Esq{ire}, the Kings Superindendant [sic] of Indian Affairs¹ and Mr Bourg the Priest.

I do promise that I will not take part directly or Indirectly against the King in the Troubles now subsisting between Great Brittain [sic] and His Majestys Rebellious Subjects of America but that I will follow my hunting and fishing in a peaceable and Quiet manner.

I do promise that I will not go to Machias² or hold any Communication with the people of that Neighbourhood or other the Rebellious Subjects of his Majesty.

All these things I do promise on the Holy Scripture & before God upon the faith of a good Christian so help me God.

[List of names of 41 Micmac men who have taken the oath, including three chiefs and several marked as captains]

Discussion Question:

1. *What does this source tell us about the relationship between the Micmacs, colonial settlers, and the British government?*

¹ For Nova Scotia

² Located in present-day Maine, where the Micmacs, Penobscots, and Passamaquoddies had joined the Patriot cause.