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BY MAJOR GENERAL HENRY DUNN O'HALLORAN

ENTITLED IN PENCIL 'LOUIS JULIAN MICMAC INDIAN OF MIRAMACHI'

CIRCA 1840

SIZE: 23CM HIGH, 19CM WIDE – 9 INS HIGH, 7½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY DUNN O'HALLORAN WAS WITH THE 69TH (THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE) REGIMENT OF FOOT ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA, FROM 1839 – 42. HE STUDIED THE CUSTOMS AND LANGUAGE OF THE MICMAC INDIANS AND TAUGHT HIMSELF TO READ THEIR WRITTEN TEXTS. IN A LETTER TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SIR WILLIAM COLEBROKE HE WRITES; 'I HAVE APPLIED MYSELF ASSIDUOUSLY DURING OUR VISIT TO THE SEVERAL SETTLEMENTS TO THE STUDY OF THE MICMAC LANGUAGE &... MY PRINTED VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER HAS BEEN PUT INTO THE HANDS OF ABOUT FIFTY INDIANS, SOME OF WHOM CAN READ IT TOLERABLY WELL'. HE MADE MANY NOTES AND DRAWINGS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE, WHICH ARE IDENTICAL IN STYLE AND EXECUTION TO THIS INTERESTING EXAMPLE.