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OTTAWA, May 27, 1908.

SIR,-

In further reference to your communication of the 24th instant, in regard to application of Mr. A. O. Miller, of Owen Sound, to obtain lease of a portion of land on the lower French River Reserve for a mill site, I beg to enclose a form of surrender, in duplicate, covering the portion of the Reserve, containing about 600 acres, situate on the western side to the east of the Canadian Pacific Railway right of way, for the purpose of leasing, which you are hereby authorized to submit to the Indians of the lower French River Band, under and in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Act. If the Indians consent to surrender you will be good enough to have same properly executed and attested, the affidavits of execution being made by yourself and the principal men before a Justice of the Peace, and then return the documents to the Department.

I beg say that Mr. Miller offers to pay a rental of 25 cents per acre per annum, for a term of thirty years, and states that he expects there will be employed in connection with the mill from 40 to 60 men, and that he will give a preference to Indians in the employment of labour, where suitable for the work to be performed. He is also willing to allow the Indians to reserve the right to cross the land in question, on

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Parry Sound, Ont.

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