

The Department regrets to find that you are not carrying out the instructions given you and that you have allowed the Indians to do as they pleased without let or hindrance, and by this means have aided the development of that lawlessness which already abounds to too great an extent and which must be immediately checked.

When you find that trees have been cut without authority for sale, whether on the part of the Reserve covered by Location Ticket, or otherwise, you should proceed under Section 62 of the Indian Act as substituted by 50-51 Victoria Chap, 33 Section 6; and section 66 of the said Act as substituted by 61 Victoria Chap. 34, Section 5.

Section 27 of the Act, as substituted by 50-51 Victoria Chap. 33, Section 4, provides that certain penalties shall be incurred in cases where Indians cut wood for sale without the consent of the Band and the approval of the Superintendent General.

You should inform the Chief and Councillors at once that the illegal cutting of wood for sale must be stopped forthwith, and ask them to make it known, and at the next meeting of the Band you should acquaint them fully with the views of the Department concerning the question.

Your obedient servant,

James D. Kelly
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.