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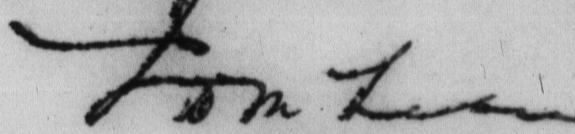
Ottawa, 8th November, 1904.

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SIR,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant and the communication therewith forwarded in regard to Dr. G. D. Shortreed's account, and in reply I return herewith the account in question in order that the Doctor may see how he has made the charges to which exception has been taken. In this connection I may say that the Department treats all medical men alike and it is desired that you will kindly advise Dr. Shortreed to that effect. The allowance of 50¢ per mile one way covers all that ~~that Department~~ he is entitled to charge unless medicines were furnished. If these were supplied they may be charged as extra. You should be aware of this fact and not certify to accounts when charges out of the ordinary are made therein unless some satisfactory explanations are furnished. Dr. Shortreed's account should be rendered on the same basis as other medical men's accounts in your Agency. Kindly, therefore, see that his account is properly amended. You must be aware of the rate at which other physicians within your jurisdiction are paid by the Department.

Your obedient servant,


Secretary.

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Indian Agent,
Birtle, Man.