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Ottawa, Dec. 3rd. 1919.

Sir:-


In reply to your letter of the 6th ult. in which you report that the Indians of Reserve No. 40 desire to dispose of the ties on this Reserve to Mr. McCafferty I have to state that a sale of the timber cannot be made until first a surrender is given by the Indians.

If the Indians desire to cut a quantity of ties under permit for sale, you should forward a resolution to this effect and this will be given consideration.

It would appear however to be more to their advantage to surrender the timber for sale to the highest bidder, when the Department would be prepared to distribute to the Indians a percentage of the proceeds up to 50% and also stipulate that Indian labour should preferably be utilized to cut the timber.

You should consult the Indians as to this at the first opportunity and report to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

  
 For Asst. Deputy Secretary.

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