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Ottawa, 4th May, 1911.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 10th ultimo, regarding the disposition of liquor fines, I have to refer you to official letter of the 10th March, in which you were informed that one moiety of each liquor fine imposed under the Indian Act in British Columbia is payable to the informer and the other to the Provincial Government and all costs in connection with the administration of Justice on Indian Reserves are payable by the British Columbia Government.

Under the circumstances the Department cannot allow you to pay moities of liquor fines to the Indian Council. Mr. Perry, although probably unaware of the fact acted irregularly in paying over the money referred to by you to the Indian Council. You should endeavor to impress upon the Indian Council the necessity of enforcing law and order upon the Reserve, and make it clear to them that it is in the interests of all good citizens that the community at large shall be law abiding.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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