

I have no personal knowledge of the land in question, but I do not hesitate to say that the Minutes of decision under which this reserve is claimed for the Indians is exceedingly vague; in view, therefore, of the opinion expressed by Messrs. Drake, Jackson, and Helmeke, and from a knowledge that the Provincial Government will give no assistance in the matter, I cannot advise the Department to contest this question in a Court of law; such a course would entail heavy expense with no reasonable prospect of success.

I do not know if this land is of special value to the Indians, neither do I know if any other land is available that would suit their requirements, but with your approval, I will take some convenient opportunity to visit the locality, and will make the best arrangement I can in the matter.