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Ottawa, June 19, 1924.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to report to you that the Soldier Settlement loan held by William Johnson of Walpole Island has been transferred to Earl Sands, a member of the same Band.

This Department purchased for Johnson a team of horses at a cost of \$355.00 and the animals cannot be traced. Johnson claims that both horses died of colic, but as this Indian has played false in other matters, the Department is not prepared to accept this explanation until you have gone thoroughly into the matter and can report that the horses did die as he states.

You will kindly go into the matter on your next visit to the Reserve and endeavour to find the whereabouts of these horses if they are still alive. If you are able to locate them you will take possession of them in order that they may be transferred by the Department to Earl Sands.

The Department also paid for having lumber sawed for Johnson which he sold but refuses to say to whom he sold the lumber. You will ascertain to whom he sold the lumber and endeavour to recover the value of the same for the Department.

It may be necessary to use drastic measures with Johnson and you should not hesitate to do so as the Department cannot permit him to behave as he has in disposing of effects purchased for him by this Department.

Yours truly,

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