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Department Secretary of State for Provinces
Indian Branch
Ottawa Jan^y 5th 1875

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 25th October last, I have in reply to inform you that your powers as Indian Superintendent are at the present time limited by the laws of British Columbia for the reason that since its union with Canada no Legislative enactments relating to Indian affairs in that Province have been passed by the Dominion Parliament but it is in contemplation to pass a Bill having for its object the applying to it such ^{Statutory} provisions as may be suitable for its Indian population and I have to request that in the meanwhile you will employ your best endeavors to promote the welfare of the Indians and to such an extent as the means which will

W. B. Dwyer
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