

experienced very great trouble
in preventing the introduction
of liquor among and
consequent demoralization
of the Indians.

The question of
the right of the Patentees
of lands within the Reserve
to have in their possession
intoxicating liquors ~~on their~~
~~lots~~ was submitted to
the Dept. of Justice
for an opinion, and that
Dept. has enquired under
what authority the patents
in question were obtained, as
~~and stated that until~~
information is furnished
on that point ~~the Dept.~~ it
cannot give the required
information. May I request
that you will be good
enough at your earliest
convenience to advise me
of the Statute under
which the patents in
question were issued?

Yours &c.