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Ottawa 9th April, 1904.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and the communication therewith enclosed <sup>from Dr McGrath</sup> regarding the case of the Indian Samuel Brooks; and in reply I beg to say that as from both your report and that made by the Doctor the only way in which to improve this unfortunate man's condition would appear to be to amputate his foot, (the Doctor having already exhausted all other means of affording relief), the Department approves of Brooks being sent to hospital and undergoing the proposed operation. The Department will pay for his maintenance at the Hospital at the rate of \$4.00 per week, as long as it is actually necessary for him to be there.

With reference to the Doctor's request that he be allowed a fee for the operation, over and above his salary, I beg to refer you to official letter of the 21st March 1903, in which it was stated that the salary to be paid the Doctor would cover all medical and surgical attendance. It is presumed that you so informed the Doctor when notifying him of his appointment. In view, however, of the fact that Dr McGrath has already furnished attendance upon this Indian for a long time, and also the serious nature of the operation, and the danger attendant upon the same, the Department will allow him a fee of \$25.00 for the operation and attendance afterwards.

Your obedient servant.

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