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Ottawa, July 8, 1913.

Sir, -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, 1094/2, in connection with the application of the Indians of the Pasqua band to be allowed surrender two acres of their reserve for Protestant church purposes, and in connection therewith to say that by resolution of the Band on the 23rd of July, 1891, the land was given to the use and occupation of two acres of the reserve with the approval of the Superintendent General for missionary purposes by representatives of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Manitoba, provided that the land was not to be used for other purposes, and when it ceased to be used for missionary purposes such consent to be null and of no effect. I inclose copy of plan showing the two acres in question. Kindly report if the two acres above referred to is the land the Indians wish to have set aside for church purposes.

I would point out that it is not the practice of the Department to take surrenders of land for church purposes, as a resolution of the Indians and the consent of the Department is considered sufficient.

Your obedient servant,

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