

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

15 Jan
Ottawa ~~20th~~ December 1897-

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 20th August last I beg to inform you that the Indians of the Moravian Reserve by Resolution of the 8th ^{Provision} ~~Instant~~ have agreed to allow the land of individual Locatees on the Reserve to be leased for oil or gas purposes on terms satisfactory to the Locatee upon which a lease will be issued by the Department after a regular Surrender has been obtained from the Indians as required by the provisions of the Indian Act. ~~That~~

The Department is willing, therefore, that you should prospect for oil on the Reserve and if the same is found, to enter into an agreement for lease with the individual Locatee and upon the same being satisfactory to the Department, the necessary Surrender will be obtained preliminary to the issue by the Department of a regular lease.

Your obedient servant,

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