28th February, 1923.

Dear Sir: -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultime, regarding expenses for fire on Toquanna Reserve No. 4 of the Sliammon Indians, and in reply I beg to say that the timber was cut from this reserve under a permit issued by Mr. Bury, the Department's Timber Supervisor, an September, 1920, allowing Willie Bob to cut the timber for sale to Messrs. Peers & Anderson, or in other words Peers & Anderson's plant was to be used. You will find on your file all information in connection with this. It will also show that Messrs. Plummer & Company took over Peers & Anderson's interests. The Palmer Owen Logging Company are not known in connection with this operation but the chances are that they were cutting for Plummer & Co., to whom they must look for payment of the account.

You should inform the Company that the Department is in no way responsible and they must look to the people who gave them authority to do any logging operations.

Yours sincerely,

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W.E.Ditchburn. Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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