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Ottawa, 17th May, 1910.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant regarding a communication which you received from Jos. Wapoose, in which he asks to be furnished with flour, potatoes, etc. as he is in reduced circumstances, and in reply I beg to point out that you should have stated definitely the reason why Jos. Wapoose is reduced to the necessity of applying for aid. In every case of this nature the Department requires to be informed whether the applicant for assistance is old or ill and also whether he has a large family to support, etc. The fullest possible information should be furnished in regard to all such applicants. The rule of the Department is only to supply assistance to the aged, sick and infirm or to those who have met with injuries and have no means of their own. It is not the custom of the Department to give assistance to Indians who are able-bodied and can support themselves and their families. A further report in this matter is required without delay.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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