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Ottawa, April 18, 1912.

Sir,-

In reply to the part of your letter of the 12th instant, reporting the inquiries made by Indians in regard to seed grain, and also to your action in giving permission to them to cut logs on Christian Island for the purpose of raising money to pay for seed, I have to inform you that I do not approve your authority in so doing, and you should revoke any permission given immediately.

No timber can be legally cut on an Indian reserve for sale without the consent of the band and approval of this Department.

The Indians should have been careful to provide for the seed required from their timber operations and the time has come for placing the responsibility on the Indians of looking forward to their certain wants instead of depending upon the Department for assistance.

They will have to depend on their interest money for the purchase of seed required this season, or obtain it where they can.

Your obedient Servant,

Scott

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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