Ottawn, June 24, 1905.

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I have to asknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. SI/S, of the 17th inst., in which you inform the Bepartment of the death of thief James Smith of the Duck Lake Agency, and recommend that the Agent be authorized to appoint another chief for an indefinite term.

In reply I beg to say that the Department approves your recommendation, and has instructed the Agent to not in accordance therewith.

Your obedient Servant,

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J.A.J.McKenna, Esq., Asst. Indian Commissioner,

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