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Ottawa, 31st July, 1918.

SIR:-

With reference to your letter of the 29th instant, relative to the price of coffins for deceased members of the Moravian Band; I beg to say that the Band should only be asked to pay for those indigent Indians who are utterly unable to bear the expense. Indian families in comfortable circumstances should pay any such costs. The sum of \$15.00 now granted is as much as the Band funds will stand, and the best arrangement will be for the Band to allow the grant of \$15.00 to be paid, and the family of the deceased pay the balance, and in cases where the family can pay all, they should do so.

In the event of the family being destitute and unable to pay anything, the shell could be eliminated thus reducing the cost and the Band would pay, but the price would then equal the grant of \$15.00.

The matter should be laid before the Council and procedure as outlined taken and report made to the Department.

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Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.