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S. J. J.
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs
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Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 23rd January 1896 to 28170, and in reply would ask that my former request for assistance from the Government for my Indians in their efforts to farm, and the granting to us of a reserve at this place be again taken into consideration.

The Kaministiquia Reserve where you suggest that we should settle has been visited by myself and by others of my band and we find that there is not sufficient ground left in the vicinity to provide us with hunting places though there may be enough for farms. I would especially ask that you consider that removal from this place would deprive us of good hunting places which we have used for many years and with which we are familiar and would necessitate our leaving what small farming lands we have already cleared and cultivated and the possession of which we wish to have settled on us without chance of their being at some future time taken from us.

My Indians are part of the Deer Desert Band and are entitled to some portion of the funds and in no way can they be disposed of more to our advantage than as I suggest.

More particularly would I ask that we be supplied with seed for our farms for the coming spring the cost would be little to the Department and it would be of great help to us and encourage my people to increase their clearing and enlarge their farms.