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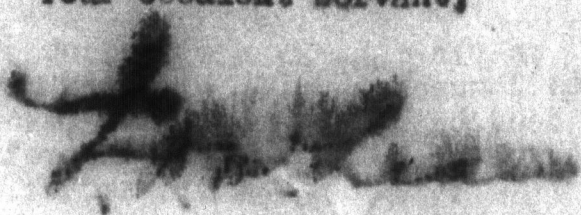
Ottawa, March 25th, 1920.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I beg to say that the Department is writing to Mr. Murison, Indian Agent, Punnichy, for a report with regard to your statement that Indians of the Poor-man's Reserve are indebted to you. When Mr. Murison's report is received consideration will be given to the matter, at the same time I have to say that the Department does not undertake to collect debts due by Indians, but always urges Indians to pay their lawful debts. Did you furnish these supplies on the written order of the Indian Agent? If not the Agent is not responsible.

Your obedient servant,

Mr. W.A. Smiley,
Quinton, Sask.


Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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