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18<sup>th</sup> May 1878

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March last addressed to Mr. Brown West and by him transferred to this Department asking for a Bonus to assist in the construction of a grist mill at Thessalon River, I have to inform you that the Department has no funds from which such a grant could be made.

Your request cannot therefore be complied with.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

W. A. R. D. Bell  
 Deputy Assistant  
 Secretary  
 of Indian Affairs.

Mr. A. D. Bell

House of Commons

Mr. A. D. Brown Esq. M.P.

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 Ottawa.