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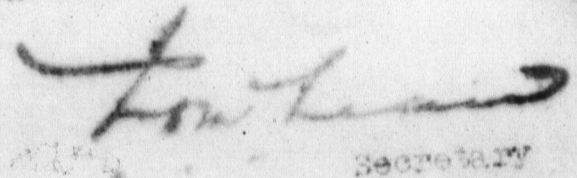
Ottawa April 23th, 1909.

Sir,-

Referring to letter to you of the 27th ultimo I have to request you to be good enough to ascertain and report to the Department for what sum the Caughnawaga Indians would be willing to surrender St. Nicholas Island.

Please explain to the Indians that the Quebec Government sold the Island to Mr. Bonhomme who in good faith has spent a considerable sum of money on the Island. The surrender of the Island for a fair sum would appear to be the best way to arrange the matter. It is also to be noted that very little use has been made by the Band of the Island; in fact, the band has apparently derived no benefit from the Island, and the rental the Indian claimant would derive is very small and should be easily adjusted from the interest of the sum realized if the Island is surrendered and sold. It is hoped that the Indians will see this in the proper light and meet the case in a reasonable manner.

Your obedient servant



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