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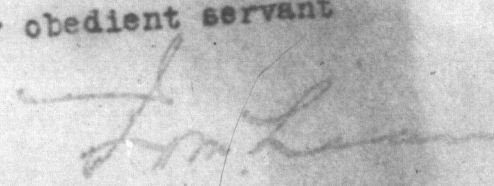
I enclose for your information and report a copy of letter received from Mr. L. Dodge, Forest Bailiff, of Wallaceburgh, respecting the seizure of 16 trees cut in trespass by several Indians of the Walpole Island Reserve and also a copy of your letter to him on the subject.

Section 27 of the Indian Act as substituted by 50-51 Victoria, Cap 33, Sec 4, enacts that "Every Indian who cuts or uses any Pine, or large timber, for any other purpose than for building on his own location or farm, unless with the consent of the Band and the approval of the Superintendent General shall incur the penalties provided in the next preceding Section."

I have to request you to inform the Forest Bailiff that his action with regard to the Elm tree in question is correct, being large timber within the meaning of the Act.

He should be told to submit his communications through you in future instead of sending them direct to the Department.

Your obedient servant


Secretary.

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