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OTTAWA, 28th, April, 1904.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, reporting that the Indians utterly refuse to pass any resolution whatever in connection with cutting of timber for sale, on the ground that there was no timber left fit for anything but wood, and in reply to state that the instructions given you in letter of the 24th of April 1901 should have sufficed to show you what is required, but as you do not appear to understand the matter perfectly, I have now to inform you that an Indian is not permitted to sell wood or timber to provide provisions, clothing etc., but he may cut what he requires for building, fencing and fuel.

Indians on Locations should apply to the Band or Council for permission to clear an acre or more up to five acres, and to sell the wood cut therefrom, on condition that he will clear the land cut over and put it under proper cultivation the following season, or seed the same with sufficient grass and clover seed to prevent the growth of noxious weeds.

Refuse timber is dead and fallen that cannot be classed as merchantable and utilized for manufacturing purposes but scrubby timber is not necessarily unmerchantable.

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Indian Agent,

The Department,

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