

Ottawa, 9th December, 1904.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo, with enclosure regarding the case of John Monague, who is ill with consumption, and who is being cared for by his uncle Dr Allan Salt of Toronto I transmit herewith Dr Salt's account, and I beg to inform you that you may issue a voucher in his favour for John Monague's board in accordance with the account. You should, however only allow him \$1.00 per day, instead of \$2.00, which is the highest rate of remuneration paid to hospitals for the maintenance and nursing of Indian patients.

The Department has written Monague informing him of the action now taken and advising him to return home, and if he requires further medical attendance or medicines to apply to Dr Bowman. In a letter recently addressed to the Department Monague stated that when on the reserve he "sent for our Indian Doctor on two different occasions who refused to visit me saying that it was no use, and that I was going to die any way." If this statement is true the Department desires to express its dissatisfaction that such treatment should be accorded to any Indian by a medical officer who is employed to look after the medical needs of the Indians generally.

Your obedient servant.

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Secretary.

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