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Ottawa, December 17, 1912.

SIR:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant with reference to payment of the unpaid balance overdue on the S.1/3, Sec. 30, Tp. 7, Rge. 98, W-4-M amounting to \$1,554.84, and am pleased to advise that the Department will accept a substantial payment of this principal and allow the balance to stand for another year.

You certainly have been wrongly advised when told that the payment of principal would not be exacted for a number of years. As this Department is merely the custodian of the Indians, and as the land you purchased was surrendered by them to be sold for their benefit; the proceeds to be used to carry out certain obligations incurred, you will readily see that it will be impossible for us to adhere to the conditions of the surrender if the purchasers do not carry out their obligations and forward annually the instalment due.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Deputy Secretary.

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