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The Deputy Superintendant
General of Indian Affairs

Sir

I understand by Indian Agent W. J. McCaffrey that you are going to take legal proceedings against Mr. M. Lapine for the rent due on lot 25 Road Range Wisconsin Maniwaki. As I am one of his securities together with my son James I would most humbly request that you would not proceed against us in this affair as the party in whose interest the land was rented has sustained no loss. Mr. Lapine claims that the lease is entirely different from the terms arranged between him and the ~~lease~~ ^{lessor} and that it was renewable. Now Sir as I am compromised in the matter as security I would make you an offer that is I would lease the land at a fair rent you could have the land valued by either your Indian Agent W. J. McCaffrey or Mr. Cameron the Agent for W. C. Edwards & Co. and I would be satisfied to pay Six per cent as rent. There is no cleared land on the lot and no one living on it for more than 20 years it is very rough not fit for cultivation it is only fit for a run for Cattle. If you think favorable of my offer you can write me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly
J. A. G. Old

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