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Ottawa, Nov 2nd 1888



Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing papers in reference to the proposed purchase of land in the County of Pictou N.S. for Indian Reserve purposes, and asking to be informed, in whom the title is and whether it is sufficiently clear to justify the Department in purchasing the same, I am to state by direction of the Minister that as far as can be gathered from a perusal of the abstract of title prepared by Mess Stewart & Lamer the title would seem to be in Mr Robert P. Fraser, and that you would be warranted in purchasing from him. The encumbrance on the property at the time the abstract of title was prepared, seems to have been since removed. Care should be taken that no encumbrance be recorded against the property in the meantime.

Yours obediently
 W. H. Ferguson
 Secy.

The Deputy Supt Gen. of
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