stating the request was noted, and concluded by sayingthat it would The to receive the order in question before considering the matter." The Department in intimating that the matter would be considered gave no assurance of payment.

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I note that you say Mr Gillespie apparently was not fully advised of any arrangement as to other creditors, or he would not have given the order which you filed in the Department recently. The foregoing will show you that your opinion is wrongly taken in this respect. Mr Gillespie was fully advised in the matter.

This letter is a clear-if somewhat lengthy -statement of facts, and I feel assured that after careful perusal of the same you will admit that the Departmentyhich is under no legal obligation, has endeavoured to act throughout in all fairness and justice to the Indians, Mr Gillespie, the Dominion Bank, and Mr Gillespie's other creditors. Moreover I may say that the Department will be glad to see the matter equitably disposed of at an early a date as possible.

Your obedient servant.

Acting Deputy Supt. General

of Indian Affairs.



