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Ottawa 5th November, 1902.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th May last and previous correspondence regarding the case of Andre Laponse, who made application to enter treaty during the payments of 1900, and renewed his application 1901, I beg to inform you that on the 3rd June Mr Agent Mann was written to and informed that before this man's application could be taken into favourable consideration it would be necessary to ascertain whether or not his statement that he did not apply for half-breed scrip ~~was~~ correct. The Agent was asked to furnish the names of the man's parents, and to carefully assure himself that the man's name as given is correctly spelled.

I enclose herewith for your information copy of the Agent's reply. He appears to have considered himself justified, upon the information which he received, in paying ~~in arrears~~ Laponse and his family annuity for 1902. Under the circumstances it is considered that he exceeded his authority, although the man may be justly entitled to the payment. You will observe that the Agent asks to be allowed to pay arrears for 1901. I shall be glad if

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you

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