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Ottawa, 20th January, 1902.

Sir:-

In reply to your request conveyed through Mr. L. O. Armstrong for information as to whether you require permission from the Government in order to trade with the Indians of the Northwest, I have to inform you that Sec. 134 of the Indian Act provides "that in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories no person or persons shall be allowed on an Indian Reserve to barter, directly or indirectly, with any Indian, or sell to him any goods or supplies, cattle or other animals, without the special license in writing of the Superintendent General, - which license he may at any time revoke."

The violation of this section renders the person guilty of the offence liable to a fine equal in amount to double the sum received for the goods supplied, cattle or animals sold, in addition to the costs of prosecution.

In the event of your deciding upon a locality where you desire to settle it would be well for you to communicate with the Hon. D. Laird, Indian Commissioner, Winnipeg, who will, doubtless, give any application you may forward him for a license to trade on the reserves his most careful consideration and advise you without loss of time of the result thereof.

Your obedient servant,

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*L. O. Armstrong*  
Secretary.

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