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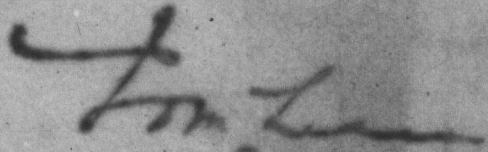
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, I beg to inform you that Section 34 of the Indian Act provides that all ditches and watercourses within an Indian Reserve, shall be maintained by the Band.

It has long ago been decided that the ditches on the boundaries of an Indian Reserve are included within the meaning of the Act, to the extent that the Indians are liable to perform their fair share of the labour in constructing and keeping such ditches in repair.

If you consider the ditch on the boundary of the Quiatchuan Reserve to be a necessary one, you should call upon the Indian Council to take the necessary action to have a fair share of the labour of construction performed by the Band.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary-

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