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Ottawa, 31st July, 1907.

SIR,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th instant, and in reply to your enquiry to inform you that the powers vested in the council are limited to those for which provision is made by the Act under which the council is constituted, and the Department fails to find anything therein referring to such matters as the investigation of alleged wrong-doing on the part of any member.

On the other hand, Sec. 99, Part I., Chap. 81, R. S. C., clearly vests the power of deposing Chiefs and Councillors found guilty of dishonesty, &c., in the Governor General in Council, and the necessary procedure would appear to be that prescribed by Sec. 95 - namely, report by the Superintendent General after investigation by his Agent.

If, however, you consider it advisable to bring the matter before the council as a preliminary proceeding in your investigation, the Department does not see any objection to your doing so.

Your obedient servant,

Forbes
Acting Deputy Supt. General
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