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to realise that any material benefit can accrue to them from money remaining in the hands of the Government in trust.

The Commissioners, therefore take the liberty of bringing the matter to the notice of your Department, and suggest whether it would not be advisable that they may be instructed in writing to inform the Indians when they proceed to get their consent, that the whole of the nett proceeds of the sale of such lands so cut off and paid to the Dominion Government in trust (which would be 50% of the nett proceeds of the sale) will all be paid to the Indians interested in the Reserve from which the land has been cut off. This is no more than they might get if the lands had been sold under the Indian Act, when the Dominion Government would have been paid the whole of the proceeds of the sale, and not sold under the agreement between the Province and the Dominion Government.

If the Commissioners are authorised to give the information suggested the consent of the Indians to sell may, in some instances, be obtained. If not, it is very much to be feared it will not be possible to get their consent in any case.

As the Commissioners are desirous of endeavouring to obtain the consent of the Indians as soon as possible, in those cases where they have arrived at the conclusion that a portion of a Reserve should be cut off, they would be very much obliged if an