

The Hon. Mr. Cazeau
Vicair General

Indian Department
Quebec 16th Decr 1851

Sir,

5616. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant and to inform you that the Gov. Gen. in Council has been pleased to authorize the distribution of £125 among the Montagnais Indians for their immediate relief. His Excellency has instructed me to take steps to secure the earliest and most economical expenditure of this sum in the purchase of food and clothing for the Indians and with that view to submit the good offices of the Archbishop upon the last occasion, and to enquire whether he can make any suggestions for the purpose of aiding the Govt. in carrying their intentions into effect.

There to
signed/ R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

Depy Comr Genl
Robinson

Montreal
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the approved Estimates of Presents for the Indians in Canada in 1853, which you will perceive are modified under instructions from the Secretary of State - Also the approved Estimates for Stationery, Gun powder, and Rations for 1853.

There to
signed/ R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

J. W. Hastings Esq^r
Chatham
and Chatham
B. V.
Sir,

Indian Office
16 Decr 1851.

5626. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo which has only just come to hand and to inform you that Mr. Dennis was sent last autumn to lay off the Reserves on the Shores of Lakes Huron and Superior.

I have laid your Memorial before the Governor General and have to state in reply that your application has been noted but that at present there is no vacancy in this Department.

There to
signed/ R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

Depy C. F. Cazeau
Vicair General
Sir,

Indian Department
Quebec 27th Decr 1851

5627.

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date I am directed by the Governor Genl. to express his thanks for the Archbishop's prompt compliance with his request. He desires me to inform you that I have this morning called at the houses of Messrs. Poirer and Stettin with the view of obtaining any information and assistance they can afford in the matter. From the latter I learn on the authority of an eye witness that the Esquimaux Indians are in great distress but that they have procured a small supply of provisions by the chase and from some of the neighbouring settlements - It appears that for some distance from Esquimaux the Navigation is open for canoes. In the communication to be made to Mr. Atwood these circumstances might be noticed and His Excellency requests that he may be impressed with the necessity of being as sparing as possible in the expenditure of the grant, of making his purchases at the most economical rate, and only giving relief where it is absolutely required, and further that proper vouchers should be produced for all payments made by him under the authority of his Grace's letter.

There to
signed/ R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.