

30165-5A.

Ottawa, December 23, 1922.

With Cheque.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith cheque No. 6379 for \$6,000.00 timber money for distribution to the members of Seabird Island Band, which I trust you may be able to distribute at an early date.

In accordance with your suggestion, the sum of \$3,000.00 is being set aside for the purpose of paying for stumping powder, stump-pulling equipment, etc. to enable these Indians to clear their land. It is not the intention of the Department to make a further distribution of timber money to the Seabird Island Indians as the amount now distributed and allowed for the purpose of clearing land represents fifty per cent of the receipts for timber and it is expected that these Indians will develop their own farms without further assistance from this Department. It is hoped that these Indians will use the money which will be distributed to them in a useful way as the majority of them did with the previous distribution.

Three blank pay-lists are being sent you under separate cover to enable you to account for the distribution. The original and duplicate copies should be submitted to the Department accompanied by a statement also a refund of any money undistributed.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean.
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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