Ottawa May 17th, 1910.

Sir,-

with reference to your letter of the 2nd instant addressed to Mr. Isaac Ogden, Indian Agent, Lac La Hache, B.C. in which you state that a public road is proposed to be deviated in two Indian Reservations and requesting the permission of this Department for the proposed deviations. In reply I have to say that no portion of an Indian Reserve can be taken for any purpose whatever except under the provisions of the "Indian Acts"

In the present case it will be necessary to obtain surrenders from the Indians of the land required. If you will forward plans showing the deviations and the areas of land requested in the said deviation, the matter will be taken up with the view od endeavouring to obtain the consent of the Indians.

It is not probable that the Indians will consent to surrender any portion of their reserves without a monetary compensation or direct benefit; you will be duly advised of the terms under which they will consent to execute the necessary surrender.

Your obedient servant

Secretary

Jas. E. More, Esq.,

Covernment' Agent's offce,

Clinton, B. C .

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