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Ottawa 7th March, 1918.

Sirs:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, in regard to the circumstances under which a cheque No 4217 for 50¢, issued by this Department in favour of John Benedict, a St Regis Indian, was paid by the Bank of Montreal, Cornwall at \$50.00; and in reply I regret to say that the amount paid can not, as suggested by you, be collected from the Indian. The only money payable by the Department to Benedict is his interest share, which amounts annually to 50¢ or \$1.00. I may also say that such money can not be retained from him without his consent.

Your obedient servant.


Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Messrs MacLennan & Cline,
Barristers, etc.,
Cornwall, Ont.

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