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OTTAWA, 2nd December 1902-

Sir-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Ultimo, enclosing a Resolution passed by the Indians of Manitoulin Island, unceded, requesting permission to cut and sell to the Mission at Wikwenikong a considerable quantity of cordwood and other timber free of dues, and in reply to inform you that the Department would like you to report as to whether the supplying of this wood and other timber to the Mission would affect the furnishing of Railway Ties, Posts &c., recently contracted for with Messrs John Harrison & Sons Co., Limited.

I have to request you to be good enough to submit the prices which the Indians are to receive for the different kinds of Timber and wood and also to state whether you consider it is advisable to allow the cutting of 400 cords of green soft wood, when it is understood there is an abundance of dry and lying trees that should be disposed of first. If the green soft wood is Pine, the Department would not be disposed to permit its being cut into firewood.

I may state that in view of the large annual grant given to the Mission and considering the interest of the Indians generally in the Timber, there

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Indian Agent,

Manitowaning,

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