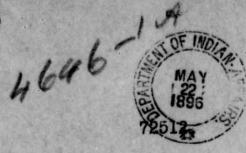
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Ottawa, 19th May, 1896.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, No. 4646-- 1 A., calling attention to the fact that the Indians of the St. Peter's Band do not appear to have received any lands in lieu of those within their Reserve for which patents were issued by this Department to claimants through actual occupancy at the date of Treaty. It would be desirable under all the circumstances, I think, to ask the Department of Justice to advise us in regard to this matter, and it might perhaps be advisable that we should make a joint submission. With that view I am preparing a memorandum which I will send or bring over for your perusal when completed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy of the

Minister of the Interior.

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Ottawa.

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