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Ottawa, May 6, 1907.

Dear Chief,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd ultimo, inclosing copy of letter addressed you by Superintendent Macdonald, in regard to surrender of timber on the Lower French River Indian Reserve, and in reply beg to say that the Sheguiandah Band does not own the Reserve in question, and consequently has not any say as a Band in the disposition of the timber on the Reserve. I may say that the Indians living on the Lower French River Reserve or in the neighborhood thereof have a right under the provisions of the Indian Act to grant a surrender of the timber on this Reserve, to be disposed of for their benefit.

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Secretary.

Chief James Pahpewash,

Sheguiandah, Ont.