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should be made to keep his agricultural lands in the highest possible state of cultivation against the day of his return, and to make such lands contribute what they can toward the upkeep and support of the soldier's dependents.

I think you will agree that no amendment to the Act is necessary to do what you very properly feel should be done to facilitate the use of the lands to which you refer. If, on the other hand, an Indian save for his lack of inclination to try simply wishes to take advantage of this type of arrangement so that he can reap a profit from the lands he holds without working for it his application for permission to rent should not receive your support as Agent, and while it would still be your duty to forward it, it should be forwarded with a full and complete report and your recommendation. This the Superintendent General is entitled to for his guidance in reaching a decision.

A copy of this letter will go forward to Mr. Christianson, who I am sure will in the main confirm the statements made herein.

Yours truly,

D.J. Allan,
Superintendent,
Reserves and Trusts.

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