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Sir, in the absence of the Commissioner
 I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of 23rd Inst.
 and of the enclosed copy of a letter from
 the Dept. of the Interior relative to a
 strip of land situated between the
 Northern boundary of the Blackfoot Reserve
 and the C. P. Ry. in Tps 23. R. 24. N. of
 4th Meridian, ~~about which there is~~ in which
 matter you desire a report.

~~To begin with the enquiry made by the Dept.~~
~~of Interior as to the purpose for which this~~
 strip was reserved, ^{as arranged} ~~I beg to inform you~~
 that when the Treaty was being made -
 Chief Crowfoot requested to have his
 Reserve extend right up to the road-
 bed of the C. P. Ry, in order to completely
 exclude settlers, as he and his Indians
 were opposed to allowing any white to
 locate south of the Railway track, and

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