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OTTAKA, 17th May, 1913-

Sir-

Referring to your letter of the 9th Instant, urging the Department to grant lease of your land- the He of He of Lot 8, Range 3, Caradec,- from lot January 1916, for seven years, I beg to any that the Department has always been etrongly opposed to the granting of leases so far is advance and to the anticipation of rental by Indians. Your communication, above referred to, has been given due consideration, but there appears to be nothing in it which would justify the Department in accoding to your request.

In regard to the feregoing, I would say that, provided the Department were to permit the advance payment desired, you would receive only \$60.00, and thereafter no further payments until the year 1917, at the same time tying up your land for ten years, from date, which it is considered would not be in your best interests. While it is regretted that you are placed in such straightened circumstances, the Department cannot favourably consid. or the present application.

Your obedient servent

last. Deputy & Secretary-

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