

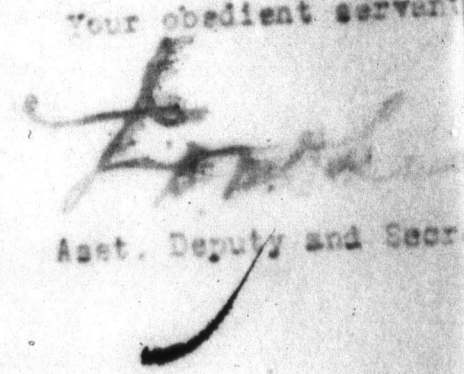
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Ottawa, June 12th., 1918

Sir,-

I beg to say that Dr. Grain has forwarded to the Department copy of your letter to him of the 1st inst. with respect to medical attendance required on behalf of the Indians of the Bird Tail Sioux Reserve (which work was assigned to Dr. Frank A. Smith). It is observed that therein the employment of Dr. Chalmers of Minnota, for at the said reserve. It is gathered from this letter Chalmers has already rendered services to the Indians. Kindly state what amount of attendance the Department to be called upon to pay for on behalf of these Indians those of them who have hitherto been treated by Dr. Chalmers paid for his services, and I may say that when they are treated <sup>in</sup> future they should pay for the attendance rendered past Dr. Smith, while on salary, was required to visit the reserve. You should state approximately the number of trips he made to the reserve during the year. The terms of the agreement did not stipulate regular trips to the reserve and it is possible that he went there but seldom. Definite information on the lines indicated is, therefore, desired.

Your obedient servant

  
 Asst. Deputy and Secy.

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 Indian Agent,  
 Bird Tail, Minn.

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