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Indian Office,

Toronto. Aug. 12th 1874.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst. and have to reply that at Cape Croker this method of choosing their Chiefs was adopted by them before the passing of the Act. 32-33 Vic. Cap. 6. Their present head chief was elected in this way prior to that date. - As regards the Christina Is. Indians they choosed this plan without any knowledge of or reference to the Act in question. I find this method of dividing the house, as they call it, has prevailed for very many years. They use the same in the choice of all their officers.

So that neither of these cases will come under the provisions of the Act 32-33. Vic. I am, Yours Very Truly,
L. VanKoughnet Esq. }
Ssg. La. }
Attarra. }

J. H. McCreary
Capt. R.C.