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Ottawa, 24th June, 1903.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst.. I have to say that the Department in accordance with the terms of the Indian Act expects all Indian bands to do their proper share of the work of creating and keeping the fences on the reserve in order.

In the case of a line fence the Indians should do one half of the work and bear one half of the cost. The Grosveaux band have no funds; the sum required, therefore, will have to be paid by the Department, you should, however, first endeavour to induce the Indians to contribute towards the erection of the fence by giving their time or their money.

Please report when the work is finished, and on your certificate, the balance unpaid of one half of the cost of the work, not exceeding \$17.50, will be paid by the Department as soon as the Estimates have been passed by Parliament.

Your obedient servant,

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