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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 5th. ultimo, relative to the discharge from treaty of John Saunders and family, No. 114 of John Smith's Band, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter dated the 14th. ultimo from Mr. Agent Macarthur in further reference to the matter. It appears that while Saunders' wife, Caroline Saunders, nee Nelson, and her son, Albert James, were applying for scrip and making the statement that they were not members of any Indian Band, the head of the family, John Saunders, was making application to be paid arrears of annuity for himself and family, and it is questionable if the woman was not aware that she belonged to the St. Peter's Band, by virtue of her marriage to a member of that Band. In this connection I beg to refer to your letter of the 26th. April 1901 and previous correspondence on the subject. On the other hand Saunders must have been aware that his wife and son, Albert James, were granted scrip in 1900 and still from 1902 to date he drew their annuities, and personally receipted for them in the pay sheets of 1902.

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Your obedient servant,

Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,

Dept. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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