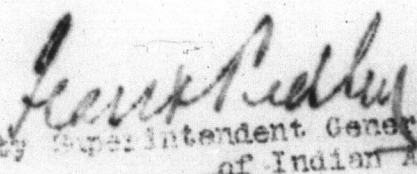


doesn't himself to an ex parte vindication of the constab-  
 ular officers the only course open, if it be deemed advis-  
 able to pursue the matter further, would appear to be to  
 communicate the details and inquire whether in their  
 view the Superintendent still adheres to his exculpation,  
 and if that course be adopted, in view of the fact that  
 the Superintendent asserts that he based his conclusion  
 on full reports and a synopsis of evidence and the Agent's  
 admission that his version was obtained from parties who  
 he thought reliable, it would seem necessary to first get  
 full information as to these sources of information and  
 a copy of the evidence, and all the more so when it ap-  
 pears that a lawyer was looking after the Indian's inter-  
 ests in a pending case (introduced into the discussion),  
 and failing to secure an acquittal, which should have  
 been easily done if the facts were as reported to and by  
 the Agent.

The Department may add, however, that  
 under all the circumstances it is far from clear that fur-  
 ther pursuit of the matter is likely to lead to any sat-  
 isfactory result.

Your obedient servant,

  
 Deputy Superintendent General  
 of Indian Affairs.