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Ottawa, Aug. 25, 1914.


Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. reporting on the charge of intemperance made against the chief and councillors of the Fort William band.

In reply I beg to say that you should take an early opportunity of informing the chief and councillors of the charges made against them and tell them that, as the Department makes it a practice to give a warning before taking any further action on the first occasion of hearing such complaints as have been made against them, it will not look for evidence in the present instance, but that, if there should be a repetition of such charges in regard to future conduct, they may expect that evidence will be called for, and that they will have to pay the penalty if the same are proved.

The petitioners making the charges have been informed of the purport of this letter.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Indian Agent,

Port Arthur, Ont.

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