

by a competent person before they are cut, as otherwise great waste of the timber must follow, if they wait until the trees are cut down to call their logs therefrom; and Mr. Marks, from the writer's statement, appears to be over particular in respect to the quality of the timber.

Mr. Whalen has been informed that the Department cannot interfere in his behalf in the matter of the Contract between him and Mr. Marks, but that as the cutting and rejection of suitable timber on the Reserve is a serious matter for the Indians, the Department will endeavor to stop the same in their interest,

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