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Ottawa, August 10, 1914.

Reverend Sir, -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th. ultimo, reporting that the Indians are much irritated on account of people coming to the Reserve for the purpose of examining the timber, without formal authorization, and in reply to inform you that a letter was sent to your address at Weymontaching, under date of 27th. ultimo, acknowledging the receipt of the communication in connection with the proposed disposal of the timber, which stated that the matter would be given due consideration.

This letter was returned to the Department with the advice that there is no such office in Canada.

The Department did not authorize any one to examine the timber, and in view of the protest against the surrender, it is not proposed to do anything further until after a full inquiry shall have been made.

I have to request you to kindly communicate this information to the Indian Chief and assure him that the rights of the Band will be fully protected.

Your obedient servant,

T. B. McLEA

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. Joseph E. Guinard,

Priest,

Weymontaching, Que.

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