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Dear Sir:-

I wish to inform the Indian Department at Ottawa, through you, that there are Indians on Georgina Island who work their land properly and derive good and comfortable living therefrom. I would be safe in stating that two thirds of the Locatees of this Reserve are thus happily situated; those Indians have spent years in working themselves in this comfortable state, but there are others who have only recently settled on their Locations; several of them only beginning to clear a little land, and two or three just settled this last year; those are young men and have no capital to start with, and every body knows how little a man could derive from a newly cleared land of perhaps two or three acres between stumps and roots. A person can only hope to raise turnips and potatoes, perhaps a little lay of very inferior quality not fit for market. Even if it was saleable it would not maintain an Indian and his family very long. I wonder does the Indian Department at Ottawa expect that an Indian and his family to subsist entirely on hay and turnips. Those last mentioned Indians who have saleable wood and posts must dispose of them regardless of consequences which may follow. In previous years when the Conservatives were in power we never experienced any such difficulty in obtaining privilege to cut and sell timber or wood, This party is the friend of the Indian at the General elections

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