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Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd untimo, with enclosures relating to troubles on the Maria Indian Reserve.

In reply I beg to say that the administration of justice among all inhabitants, including Indians, is a provincial matter and that Indian Agents have only power to act as Justices of the Peace when the offence is one which comes under the provisions of the Indian Act. It would appear, from the minutes of the County Council as forwarded by you that the offences mentioned were other than those provided for in the Indian Act.

Your obedient servant,

F. J. [Signature]
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

G. M. Kempffer, Esq.,
Secretary Treasurer,
County Council of Bonaventure Co.,
New Carlisle, P. Q.

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