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Ottawa, September 9, 1907.

Sir: -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter ( not dated ), and in reply to inform you that the Department has no jurisdiction over matters of debts contracted or contracts entered into by Indians, nor has it any power to authorize you to move the house referred to from the reserve, even if it were clear that such course would be justifiable.

Apparently the only course open to you under the circumstances described is to sue the Indian in a court of competent jurisdiction and abide by its decision.

Your obedient servant,

*Tom Lewis*  
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