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Fort William Reserve 26th Dec 1900

We have heard J. J. Hodder our Agent read the letter signed by J. B. Penassie, John Pierre Meskiasank and Simon Nebikisik and sent the Department on the 12th December 1900.

As two signers of the said letter we wish to say that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the last portion of that letter, we do not know that our Agent had anything to do with this application nor that he tried to bias any vote taken, we were not at any of the meetings held regarding the application by John King & Co Ltd and others to purchase a portion of our land.

Our only reason for writing was after hearing Ambrose Leggett one of our Band state that we were going to be cheated if we sold our land.

Witness
John Pierre ^{his} Meskiasank.

J B Penassie ^{marks}

Moses McCoy Chief