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must think that this can best
be done by restricting them within
reasonable limits, and not
permitting them to spread over
large tracts.

Had your explanation,
regarding the distances from their
places of residences where the
Indians desired to cut timber,
been given in the first instance,
much of the subsequent correspondence
and the irritation you speak
of would have been avoided.

You should advise the Indians
that the Department in proposing
these restrictions had no desire
whatever to curtail their privileges
or to prevent them from cutting

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