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Ottawa, 20th February, 1912.

Sir,

I beg to say that the Department has been informed that you recently expressed the opinion that the arrangement made to have a detachment of the Royal North West Mounted Police on the the Stony Reserve, is altogether unnecessary, and that you would be glad to see the same withdrawn, as the Chiefs and older Indians resent the action of the Government in the matter, claiming it is a reflection on their honesty and general character. It is possible that you may not have been correctly quoted. The Department desires to inform you that the arrangement was well considered before being carried into effect, and I may say that the Department has found that the presence of a policeman on a reserve results beneficially. It has been learned upon good authority that all kinds of "vagrants, thieves and scamps of the worst description" frequent the Stony Reserve. This report was instrumental in causing the Department to decide to have a policeman stationed on the reserve. The Indians should appreciate the action taken on their behalf in the interests of law and order, and you should at all times place the matter before them in that light.

In conclusion I may say that it is hoped that in future you will refrain from criticizing the action of the Department.

Your obedient servant.

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Asst. Deputy & Secretary