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Ottawa, June 13, 1917.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, inclosing surrender, in duplicate, of mercantile timber on Hope and Beckwith Islands, and in reply to say that in view of your failure to comply with specific instructions as to execution of surrender it is returned in order that the affidavit of execution may be made by yourself and the Chief and a Principal and before a stipendiary magistrate or a justice of the peace. As you will see from the printed copy of instructions to Agents which was sent you that a Commissioner has not authority to take this affidavit.

As your failure to comply with instructions has caused considerable delay in dealing with this matter, you will attend to this at once and return the documents to the Department with proper affidavit of execution attached.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy Secretary.

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