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OTTAWA, 5th January, 1903-

Sir-

Referring to the letter addressed to you under date of the 4th of November last, respecting the Timber on Reserves Nos 26A and 26B, I beg to inform you that the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, Ontario, has advised this Department that no objection will be made to the sale of the timber, if, as Trustees of the Indians, it is considered the best course to pursue and on the condition that the money be distinguished or funded so that it can be handed over to Ontario, in the event of its being found entitled to it.

I enclose surrender in duplicate for all the merchantable timber on the Reserves, which you are hereby authorized to submit to the Indians at such time as may be found most convenient for all concerned between now and next Spring, and in the meantime it would be well to have an examination made of these Reserves in order to ascertain the probable quantity and value of each kind of timber on each.

An ample supply of timber, dry and green, to meet the future wants of the Indians for building, fencing and fuel should be reserved from sale, the boundaries and area of same you should indicate roughly

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