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Ottawa, 3rd January, 1912.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing the consent of the St. Peter's Band to Mrs. Ellen Smith, commuting her annuity, I beg to state that a widow cannot commute her annuity. The only Indian women who may commute are those married to persons other than an Indian or a non-treaty Indian. See Sections 14 and 15 of the Indian Act.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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