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Ottawa 5th July, 1906.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, relative to the proposed purchase of a threshing outfit for the Indians of Cote's Band; and in reply I may say with regard to the matter of payment in connection with which you have remarked that you consider that the sum of \$272.00 should not be deducted from the \$2720.00 realized from the sale of land belonging to the band, that Section No 70 of the Indian Act provides that a percentage shall be taken from all money realized on sales of Indian lands and timber and placed to the credit of Management Fund. You will therefore see that in making this deduction the Department is acting in accordance with custom and in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

With reference to the balance of \$1184.50 thus left available, I beg to say that an Order-in-Council has been passed authorizing the expenditure of the same, in accordance with the desire of the band, towards the purchase of a steam threshing outfit.

You may buy the outfit in question from Mr J.F. Hall, of Yorkton, but the cost of the same, over and above \$1184.00 must be borne by the Indians themselves from some other source, and you should explain this fact thoroughly to Mr Hall, before making the purchase.

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