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Lands and Timber Branch

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Memo. to the Deputy Minister.

Assistance to Seabird Island Indians
in clearing land for cultivation.

Reverting to my memo. of Oct. 26th. last on the above subject, the local agent has reported that the Seabird Island Indians with but few exceptions, devoted the last distribution of timber money made to them, almost exclusively to the purchase of stumping powder, implements and stock for their farms.

He suggests that the Department furnish stumping powder and some heavy block and tackle outfits so that the Indians themselves may undertake the removal of the large stumps off their land.

He also intimates that these Indians would be satisfied to receive a partial distribution of cash, and the remaining money be used for the purchase of stumping powder and other equipment.

I would therefore recommend that as these Indians are among the most industrious in the province, they should be given a further cash distribution of 20% of their timber proceeds amounting to the sum of \$6000 and that a fund of 10% or the sum of \$3000 be used for the purpose of securing stumping powder, stump-pulling equipment and perhaps one or two strong teams of horses.

I would suggest also that the Department inform the Indians that no further distribution of money will be made, and that the Department will expect them to develop their own farming resources without further assistance.

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