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Ottawa, 22nd January, 1914.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and the communication which you enclosed from Mr. A. J. McLeod, of Ground Hog Crossing, in which he makes claim for payment for the maintenance of certain Indians therein mentioned, and in reply to say that when you are paying Treaty money, next Summer, you should make careful enquiries with regard to this claim. If you find that goods were supplied, as stated by Mr. McLeod, you may forward his account, duly certified to the Department for consideration as to payment.

The statement made by Mr. McLeod to the effect that Mr. West, your predecessor, in office, refused to pay Treaty money on the presentation of tickets issued in favour of persons who were absent, is no doubt correct, as an agent should not pay money to individuals other than those in whose favour tickets have been issued. The Department desires to guard against payment being made to persons who may hold tickets for goods advanced Indians.

The

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Indian Agent,
Chapleau, Ont.

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