

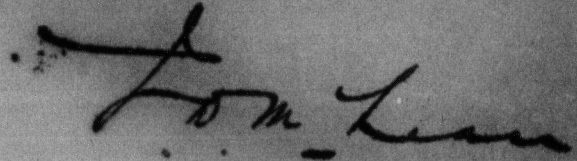
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Ottawa, 9th March, 1904.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, I beg to inform you that the funds at the disposal of the Department for the relief of destitute Indians are limited and the circumstances of the Widow Marie Paul Dennis are not such as would justify the Department in expending these funds in assisting her to the detriment of other Indians who are really in absolute want.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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