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as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Fulton now reports that Mr. Christie, the Official Administrator at Ashcroft, has not yet obtained administration of this estate as the Provincial Attorney General had warned him that he had better not proceed as a nephew of one of the two deceased owners, the present chief of the band, was still living. Mr. Fulton says there appears to be another slight difficulty, namely, that the Department through the Local Agent was only prepared to put up \$10.00 towards the costs of administration and intimating that the official administrators would also be entitled to a commission on the estate passing through his hands.

The Department was not aware that the Indians in whose name this property stands were dead. It appears to the Department, however, that these men hold these lands merely as trustees for the band and not in their own individual capacity, and it is desired that you ascertain from the chiefs if this was the case. Mr. Fulton is being advised to communicate with you with respect to this matter and has also been advised that if the formality of taking out Letters of Administration for the purpose of securing a proper conveyance is necessary the Department would undertake to be responsible for the court fees in the matter but that it does not appear that there is any estate on which an administrator would be entitled to a commission.

I may say that when the compensation for the right of way of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through Lot 37 was distributed it appears that \$275 was paid to

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