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Ottawa 22nd May, 1917.

Sir,

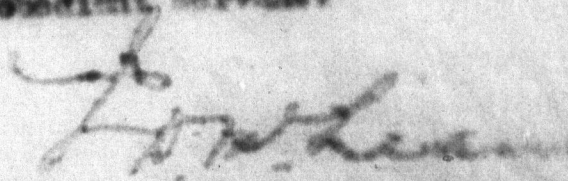
In view of the report in your letter of 17th instant to the effect that Indians of your Agency have prepared their land for sowing and are desirous of receiving seed, I beg to say that you may incur an expenditure of fifty dollars in the purchase of necessary seed wheat and oats for them.

The Department will expect you to see that only those Indians who have prepared their land for seeding share in the distribution of the seed, and only such quantity of seed as is required in each case should be supplied. You should give kindly advice and encouragement to the Indians in their work.

When you send in the accounts for the seed you should forward a statement showing the name of each recipient of seed, which statement should show the kind and quantity of seed supplied each individual and the value of the same.

If possible the Indians should be made to save seed in the fall to do their planting next year, or be required to refund the cost of the seed furnished.

Your obedient servant.


Asst. Deputy Com. Genl.

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