June 19, 1919.

Sir,-

I have been advised by Mr. Abraham that the Cape Croker Band have passed a resolution accepting the following returned Indian soldiers into membership of the Newash Band: Wellington Pedanagnott, Adam Pedanagnott, Semeul Martin, Peter Martin, Wellington Elliott, Abram Elliott, Sylvester King, Daniel Broular, Ingersoll Ashkawe.

I observe that the meeting with the exception of the returned Indians was unanimous against accepting Michael, Peter, Burlyn, and Brederick Lavalley into membership. Their objection to Michael and Peter were that these men were not born on the reserve, and did not agring from Reserve stock. These cases may be dropped for the time being. With regard to Burlyn and 'rederick Lavalley, I think that the decision should be reconsidered; both these men were born on the reserve, their mothers were born on the reserve, and they have lived there all their lives. Although the meeting took the stand that the whole Lavalley family were outsiders and should not share in the distribution of the Band money, the Department is of the opinion that you should take the matter up with the Band again, and sake the Council to reconsider their decision so that both Burlyn and Frederick-Levalley may be admitted to membership.

The resolution mentioned above is hereby approved. I wish you would report from time to time what progress you are making, and keep in touch as mucy as possible with the Department in regard to your Soldier Settlement work.

Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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