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Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2nd. instant transmitting a communication from Mr. Agent Morrow in which he requests to be advised as to how to proceed with regard to cases of the seduction of or illicit intercourse with Indian females by males of Indian or other blood, and their refusal to marry such females or to support the illegitimate progeny.

In reply I beg to state that the question is of too general a character to be satisfactorily answered, as each such case would have to be dealt with on its individual merits.

In so far as the Department is concerned the only special jurisdiction it possesses is with regard to the application of an Indian's annuity and interest money to the support of his illegitimate child, but the absence of annuities or interest moneys renders that provision inoperative in British Columbia.

In connection with the criminal aspect of such cases it seems altogether probable that some of them might be dealt with under the provisions of one or other of the following sections of the Criminal Code, viz:-

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