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Duck Lake Agency,
Dec. 14, 1904.

Ref: Your Letter 18th. Oct. 1904 No.833W.
" " 9th Dec. 1904 " "

Sir,

With reference to your letters as above I have the honour to inform you that John Saunders lives at Red Deer Lake, seventy miles north from Prince Albert with no mail connection. After receiving your letter of 18th. October I told Senator Davis that I had Saunders' discharge, so that if Saunders should be in Prince Albert he could let me know.

On 2nd. Nov. last word was sent me to send discharge to Prince Albert as Saunders was in town and wished to exercise his franchise on the 3rd. As information was required from Saunders I thought that the discharge should be delivered personally. I did not care to be away from here on the 3rd. of Nov. and sent Acting Clerk Macarthur with the discharge. Saunders was not at Prince Albert, having been sent to Sturgeon Lake; Macarthur left the discharge with Davis to hand to Saunders.

I have not yet succeeded in finding out what became of Elizabeth Jane, but expect to shortly.

Referring to your letter of 9th. Dec; John Saunders appeared here on the 28th. July last made demand for payment of his annuity money. On being questioned he stated that there was no change in his family since last paid. The annuity book showed that he was last paid in 1902 and was therefore entitled to arrears for 1903. I then paid him his annuity money with arrears for 1903. Saunders being a middle aged man it did not occur to me that he could write; but both Mr. Clerk Price and Acting Clerk Macarthur were present and were witnesses to the payment.

There is nothing on record here to show that Mrs. J. Saunders and Albert James had been discharged from treaty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(sgd.) J. Macarthur,
Indian Agent.

Hon.D.Laird,
Indian Commissioner.

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