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REC

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt, of the 9th Instant, of your letter of the 25th June last, respecting your application to have a Reserve set apart for the members of your Band at Manowan; and in reply I beg to inform you that as there is plenty of land on the Maniwaki Reserve for the Indians of Manowan, and as the River Desert Indians are willing to have them settle there upon their establishing their right to do so, it would seem advisable for you to take steps to prove the right of your Indians thereto. It seems to me that there should be plenty of room for your Indians to hunt in the country North of the Desert; and if they do not care to move, they can hardly expect to receive a gratuity from the funds of the River Desert Band. It would be well for you also to remember that if your people do move the expenses would have to be borne by them.

*and decided to remain there*  
If, however, they are satisfied at Manowan, it would be necessary for them to arrange for the purchase of land. It might be better for them to stay here; and if they so decide, the Department would endeavour to arrange with the

Quebec Government for the purchase of land on ~~easy~~ *easy* terms *if they are willing to pay for it themselves.* ~~and it might assist them if they should have a strong disposition to settle down and pay for the land.~~

Louis Nawashish

Your obedient servant,

( Chief )

St Michel des Saints

Deputy Superintendent General,

County of Berthier (en haut ) of Indian Affairs.

(care of J.R.A. Archambault Esqr).