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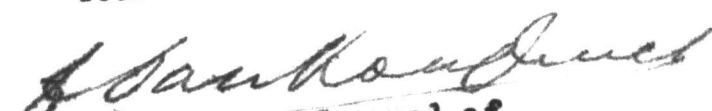
Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant and the copy of the resolution passed by the Georgina and Snake Island Band on the 4th instant recommending the adoption into the Band of Mrs. Parker who recently applied to the Department for payment of alleged arrears of annuity.

In reply I beg to inform you that there is no law under which any person can be adopted into an Indian Band. If the Indians are desirous that Mrs. Parker should share in thier annuity moneys, they can vote her share to be paid to her as a gratuity from year to year. This is the only way in which Mrs. Parker could be properly allowed to participate in the distribution of annuity.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant


Deputy Supt. General of

Indian Affairs.

J. R. Stevenson, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Georgina, Ont.

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