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Ottawa, 25th August, 1902.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you with reference to the Regulations passed by the Restigouche Indian Council on the 4th June last that the Department has been advised that the alterations introduced by the Council of the Band in the draft regulations submitted to it are not in effect amendments. The first paragraph will be far less effective than if adopted as originally drafted. The provision for a tax of \$2.00 raises a question of the power of the Council of the Band. The intention of the Council could be secured by inserting at the end of the first paragraph the words " provided always that any member directed to perform labour may commute therefor at the rate of one dollar for each day or portion of a day for which he has been directed to work." If labour is not performed the cost of having it done can in most cases be charged to the Indian in default under Section 34 of the Indian Act.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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