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Honorable
Thomas White
Minister of Interior
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Sir

It has just now come to my knowledge that blame is attached to me for the non performance of the Survey of the Indian Reserves on the River St. Maurice.

I shall now have the honor of laying before you the facts of the case.

In 1878 the Crown Lands Department of Quebec first spoke to me about laying out a Reserve at "la Pique". Subsequently the subject was frequently mentioned, and in the Spring of 1881 I received instructions for the work. I thereupon asked for an advance of \$300 which I received.

Very shortly afterwards I received from Mr Deville of the Dep^t of the Interior an offer of a Survey in the North West which I declined with thanks, stating that I was engaged to go up the St. Maurice.

On the 9th August following, I received from the Dep^t here, a letter telling me not to