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Ottawa, March 11th, 1912.

Sir:-

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, reporting that four members of the Sioux Band were sentenced to jail for drinking apple cider; and in reply, I have to state that if they became intoxicated by drinking cider and were sent to jail after a fair trial, the Department cannot interfere.

The law on this subject reads as follows:-
 "Intoxicants" means and includes all spirits, strong waters, spirituous liquors, wines, or fermented or compounded liquors, or intoxicating drink of any kind whatsoever, and any intoxicating liquor or fluid, and opium, and any preparation thereof, whether liquid or solid, and any other intoxicating drug or substance, and tobacco or tea mixed or compounded or impregnated with opium or with other intoxicating drugs, spirits or substances, and whether the same or any of them are liquid or solid."

With regard to the wives of the four men sent to jail being in need of assistance, Mr. Agent Logan has been requested to look into the matter and grant relief if necessary.

Your obedient servant,

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Asst Deputy and Secretary.

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