

Ottawa, 9th December, 1904

Sir,-

I re-enclose herewith your Cash Book Return for the month of November as it is unsatisfactory.

With reference to the second item (page 3 of the Return) for \$37.80 for a payment made to Mrs. W. Brown on account of cattle, I beg to say that it is observed that the receipt which you forwarded in this connection is only for \$37.50. I may here say that opposite each entry in the Return you should give the number of the receipt taken from the Indian. This remark is applicable to all Returns for payments made and for which receipts have been obtained. The receipts should be numbered consecutively and the correct amount should appear opposite each receipt number.

When you receive a cheque for an Indian who is indebted to a merchant or dealer you should not take from the Indian a receipt for the full amount of the cheque; you should pay the merchant what is due him and take from him a receipt for the amount. You should then enter in your Cash Book Return "payment made to (name of merchant) on account of (name of Indian) indebtedness." If the Indian is paid a portion of the cash, you should take a separate receipt from him for such payment and an entry in the Cash Book of the same should be made.

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Indian Agent,

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