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Sir,

Some time ago the Burnt Church Band of Indians began the erection of a building for the band to be used as a council house and also for a lodging for their missionary when he visited them. The lumber or part of it was bought and the foundation built and the frame partly put up. They now find they will be unable to complete it for want of funds. When I was last in burnt Church the question of the present location of the school building was brought up and I was asked if it would not be possible to have it removed or a new one built in a more suitable location. As it is now the school house is at the extreme north east end of the reserve more than two miles from the south west end of the reserve. It is separated from the main portion of the Reserve by a creek and a wide stretch of low sandy land which is covered with water for some time in the spring. I promised them I would urge upon the Department to have the school house removed and I thought it could be hauled to the centre of the reserve on the ice and crust which forms in the spring at a comparatively small cost. Mr. Anderson has since informed me that he fears it will be impossible to remove the old building. I do not think it will be possible to do any very effective work in the way of educating the majority of the Indian children of this reserve with the school in its present location. I enclose a letter from Rev. Father Morrissey their clergyman which proposes that the new building be completed and the lower part made a school room, the upper part being used for other band purposes.

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