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Ottawa, 22nd May, 1909.

Sir,-

I return herewith the account which you forwarded under cover of your letter of the 3rd instant, in favor of Mr. Charles Davidson, as before the question of payment can be taken up the Department desires an explanation in regard to charges for the following articles, viz:- tobacco, lamp chimneys, lamp wicks, milk, butter, cheese, coal oil, sugar, pepper, etc. It is thought you must be aware ^{that} the Department does not authorize the issue of supplies of the foregoing nature.

You should have merchants from whom you purchase supplies render their accounts in duplicate and when you receive the same you should attach them to the proper voucher forms. In this way you will save copying them on to the voucher forms. The Department does not expect you to copy out the accounts if they are properly rendered in detail and in duplicate. It is sufficient for you to attach them to voucher forms to which you should certify.

Your obedient servant,

Tom Lewis
Secretary.

G. E. Beckwith, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Steam Mills, N.S.