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Ottawa, May 3rd., 1920.

Rev. Sir,-

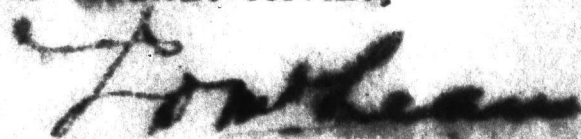
With reference to your communication of the 26th ultimo, on the subject of seed required this spring on behalf of Indians of Prince Edward Island, I beg to say that Parliament has appropriated the same amount as last year for expenditure in the way of relief and seed for the Indians of Prince Edward Island and, therefore, the Department cannot authorize expenditure in excess of \$300.00 for seed. You may have such ploughing as is necessary done, and procure seed and fertilizer for the Indians of your superintendency, but you must keep the expenditure within the amount specified, namely \$300.00.

Before purchasing the seed you should obtain quotation of prices, and you should be careful to procure good seed at the lowest prices obtainable.

As in previous years the Department desires to impress upon you the necessity of guarding against giving seed to Indians who will not make proper use of the same. Only industrious Indians who will cultivate their land should be assisted.

When you submit accounts for expenditure incurred, you should forward a memorandum showing quotation of prices, as you are required to ~~strictly~~ observe the regulations of the War Purchasing Commission bearing on this matter. Statement should be forwarded to the Department with the accounts showing the names of the Indians assisted, and indicating the quantity and prices of the seed furnished in each case.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary,

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